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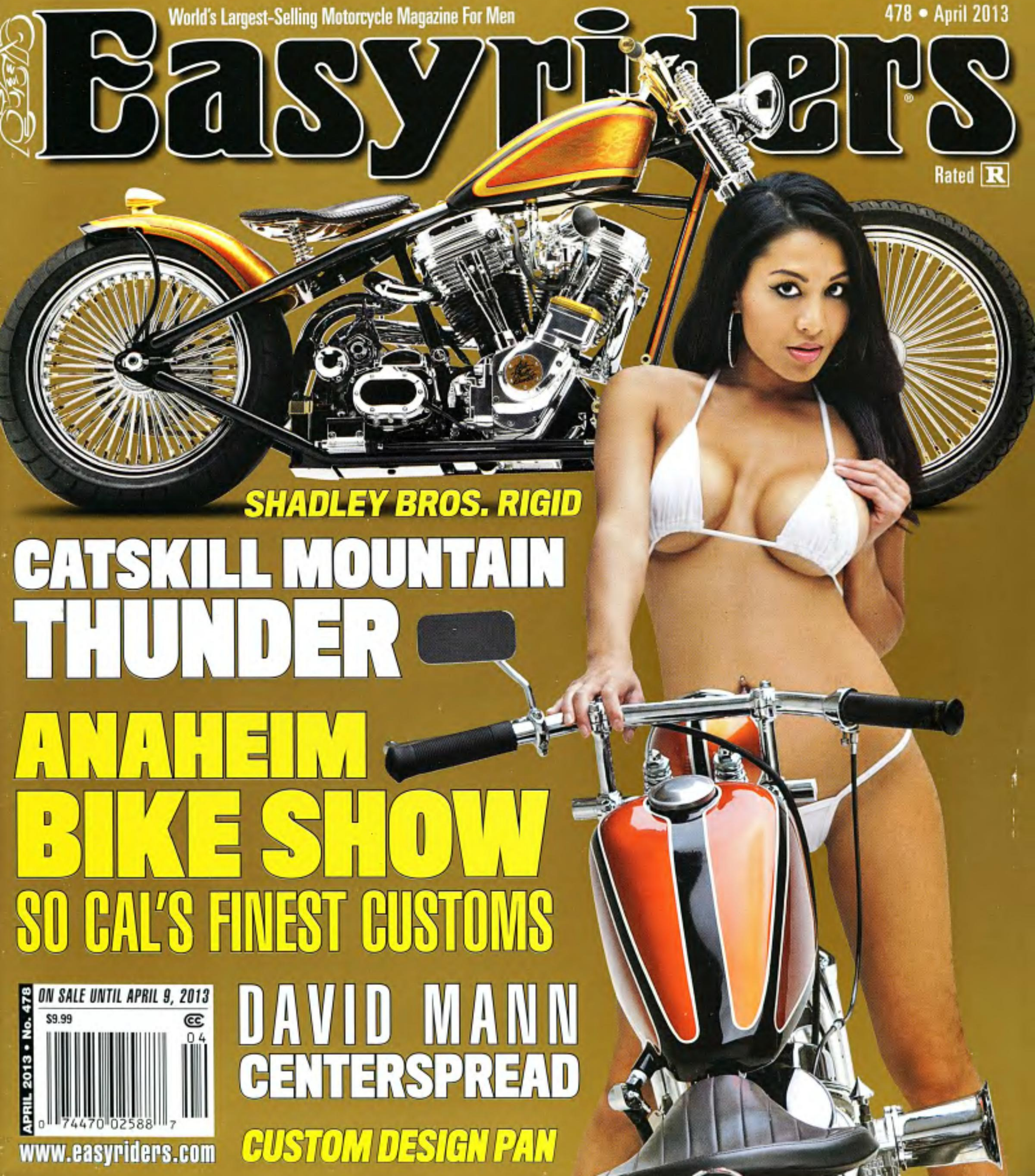

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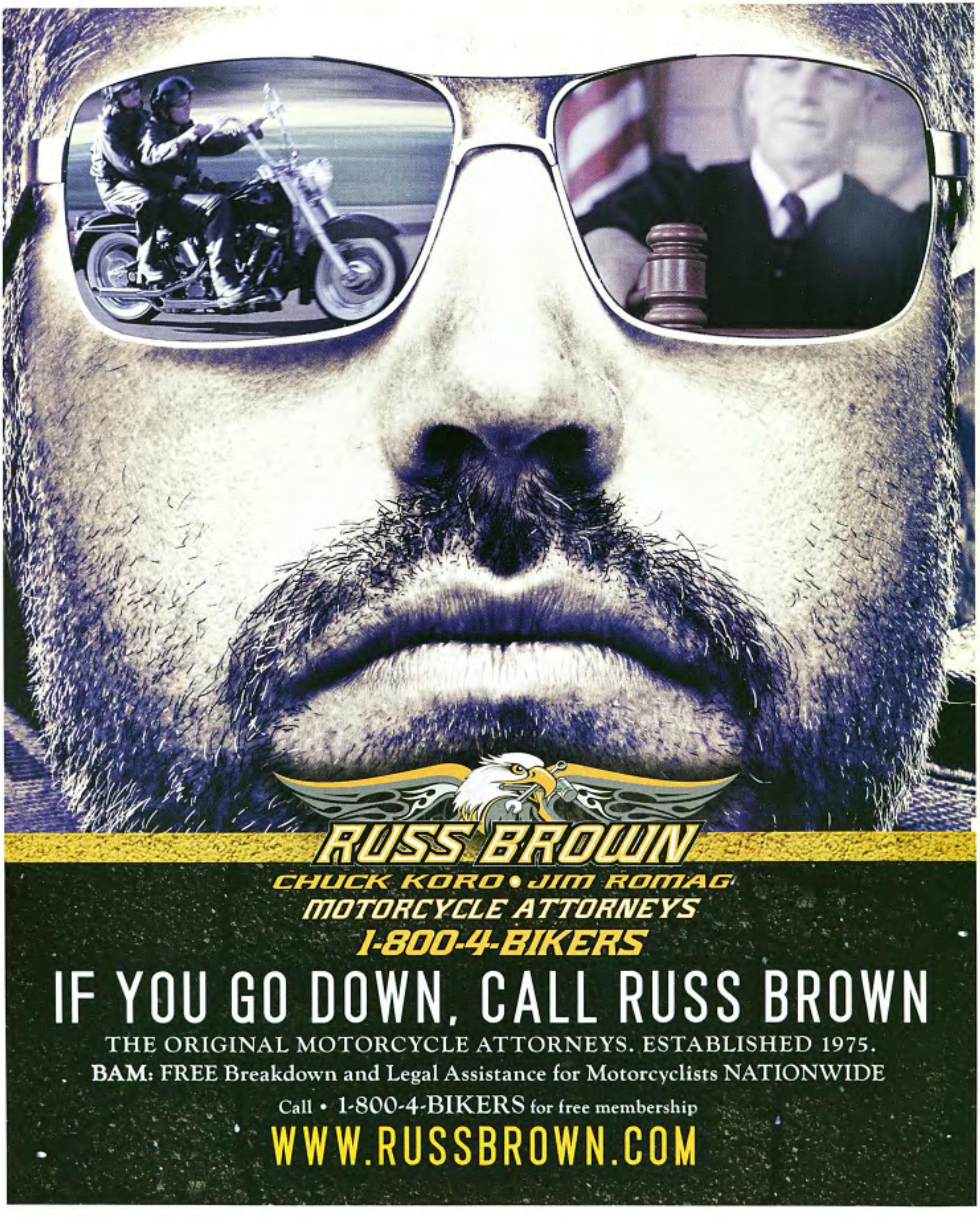
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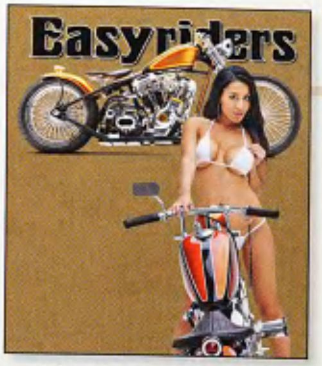

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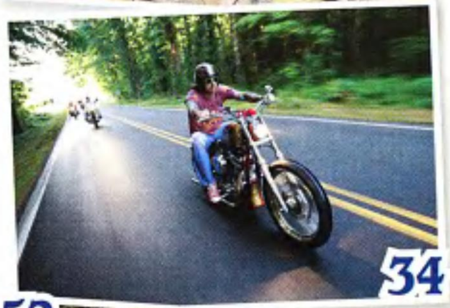

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In The Name of Religion

There is a religious festival on Indonesia's main island of Java where thousands of Muslims go to have sex with a stranger. The experience, which supposedly brings good fortune, has become very commercialized, but nevertheless, about half of the participants are "pure," in that no money changes hands. More than a quick tryst is involved—the pilgrims must first pray, then bathe themselves, then select their proper stranger, then bathe themselves afterward, saving the water for re-use. They must return seven times at 35-day intervals to refresh this ritual.

Nine Lives?

A man modified his body through surgery, tattoos, and implants in order to to resemble a cat. He had tiger-stripe tattoos covering most of his body, dental implants sharpened to points to resemble tiger teeth, and metal-stud implants around his mouth to hold his long, plastic whiskers. Ear and lip surgery had made his head more catlike and special contact lenses made his eyes appear oval. He committed suicide at the age of 54—guess he didn't have nine lives.

Bureaucrats at Work Again

The water company in Johnville, Quebec, left a utility pole standing, even after the Quebec highway department had rebuilt Highway 251, leaving the pole squarely in the middle of the new two-lane street (and consequently a popular sight for fans of incompetence). Fortunately, during the two months, no accidents around the pole were reported.

Here's A Visual For You

The police were chasing a thief in the dark through a neighborhood's backyards. As the thief came to a fence and leaped over it, he happened to land on a family's trampoline and was propelled backward into the cops.

Some Fun Quotes

"The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing—and then marry him." (Cher)

"If variety is the spice of life, marriage is the big can of leftover Spam." (Johnny Carson)

"I feel like Zsa Zsa Gabor's sixth husband. I know what I'm supposed to do, but I don't know how to make it interesting." (Milton Berle)

What A Catch!

A retired man, devoting his energy to fishing, has set records for the largest fish caught. But the biggest coup of all was when he caught a redfish while sitting on his living room sofa, watching a football game with a pal. He had run a line with bait through a crack in the door, through his yard and into the lake behind his home.

No, It's Not A Cell Phone

A man was stopped for drunk driving. The police handed him a breathalyzer and asked him to blow into it. But they didn't really need to have him blow into it since he tried to use it to call his lawyer to ask for legal advice.

Some Interesting Tidbits

Every day, over 35 billion emails are sent throughout the world?

The telescope on Mount Palomar in California can focus a distance of 7,038,835,200,000,000 miles.

The screwdriver was invented before the screw.

In Fort Madison, Iowa, the fire department is required to practice fire fighting for 15 minutes before attending a fire.

Some years back the Yellow Pages accidentally listed a Texas funeral home under Frozen Foods.

An estimated one in five Americans (some 38 million) don't like sex.

Every weekday morning, the commuters of Los Angeles use 250,000 gallons of gas getting to work. They drive five million miles, which would be like one car driving to the moon and back 20 times, or around the earth 192 times.

How Did It Get There?

In 1990 a 64-year-old woman entered a hospital for surgery for what doctors diagnosed as a tumor on her buttocks. But what surgeons found was a four-inch pork chop bone, which they removed. The surgeons estimated it had been there for five to ten years.

No Harm In Asking

A convicted marijuana dealer wanted a lenient sentence. The judge told the man he could avoid jail if he entered a drug treatment program and agreed to give up smoking marijuana. The man said, "That's going to be hard for me to do" and asked the judge if she would let him "get one more joint in." This irritated the judge, who said no and set a date for sentencing.

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Chris Wade's Five-Year Effort Pays Off

PERFECT PAN

Chris Wade is the general manager at two very successful restaurants in North Carolina, one in Charlotte, the other in Blacksburg. Their specialty is fish tacos, a recipe the owners brought back to the United States after a surfing trip to Baja Mexico.

"It's kind of an oddity having fish tacos in North Carolina," Chris tells us, "but we're filleting about 2,000 pounds of fresh fish a week. We've got music 24/7, margaritas and surfboards all over the place." Plus he has a show-winning panhead adding even more flavor to the establishment.

Chris has been in the restaurant biz all his life except for his four years in the Marines earning his sergeant's stripes. So when did he find time to build the bike he calls "The Perfect Pan"? It seems he was about to return to civilian life and decided to celebrate with a motorcycle ride while stationed in Hawaii. Riding at over 160 mph, he and his GSX attracted the local authorities. It cost him a pretty penalty in fines, but all went well afterwards, and he found his way back to North Carolina. "There were a bunch of old timers around here that always had old iron and that's what got me interested and how I ended up with a 1946 knucklehead," Chris says. "I had no clue what I was doing but wanted to rebuild it from the ground up."

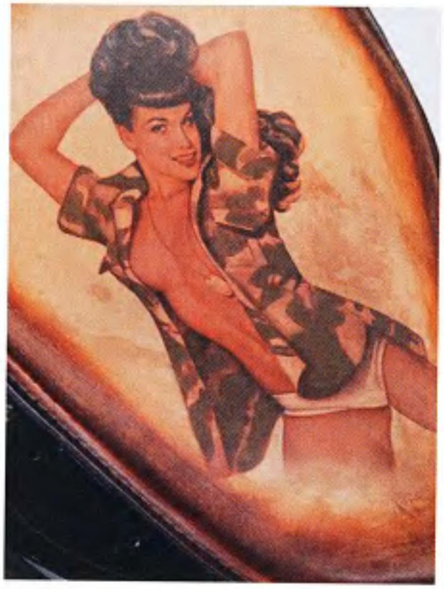
That was back in 2000, and after asking around, Chris wrangled himself a "sweep the floors" apprenticeship at a Monroe shop run by veteran builder Heavy Rorie, who became his longtime mentor and who enabled him to restore the knucklehead. "That's how I fell in love with the old bikes…the panheads, shovelheads and knuckleheads…all the good history they shared and the adventures their owners experienced."

A little farther down the road he came upon a wreck of a 1953 pan-shovel. "I've never seen cases destroyed in so many pieces," Chris recalls, "so I got some S&S cases, then bought a second bike, a shovel-pan. Incredibly, it had a '63 - '65 original top end, so I married the two

bikes. I also wanted all my friends to be a part of its build in some way: Heavy Rorie, Ben Jordan, who helped with the fabrication, my late riding buddy Jimmy Brandoni, and my late father-in-law."

All that good karma had its effect. At the Charlotte Easyriders Bike Show last year, the '53 pan was awarded Best of Show. "I about threw up when they called my name," Chris recounts. "Never in my life would I believe I would be called to the Columbus Invitational Bike Show. People had to tell me what it was. Then it got Editor's Choice in Columbus. I can't tell you what that meant to me. All I could think of was all my friends and especially Heavy and all the love he has put into his bikes all these years. And yes, how cool it was to have a bike in *Easyriders*." —*Paul Garson*

This Perfect Pan was awarded Best of Show at the Charlotte Easyriders Bike Show.



Owner: Chris Wade *(left)*
City: Waxhaw, North Carolina

GENERAL
Designer: Chris Wade
Fabrication: owner, Ben Jordan
Year/make: 1953 panhead
Model: The Perfect Pan
Assembly: owner
Time: 5 years
Chroming: minimal, polishing by D&D

ENGINE
Year/make: 1953 Harley-Davidson
Rebuilder: Chris, Heavy Rorie
Displacement: 93 cubic inches
Cam: Harley-Davidson
Ignition: Mallory/kick and electric start
Pistons: Keith Black
Heads: Harley-Davidson
Lifters: JIMS
Carb(s): S&S Super E
Air cleaner: Daisuke, TT & Co.
Pipes: Paughco, owner

TRANSMISSION
Year/make: 1960 Harley-Davidson
Modifications: stock
Shifting: suicide clutch, jockey shift (Bruce Meadows)

PAINT
Painter: Tyler Price, Southern Collision
Type/color: Kona Blue (2012 Shelby Mustang)

FRAME
Year/make: 1956 Harley-Davidson
Type: wishbone
Rake: 40 degrees
Stretch: 2 inches on backbone
Shocks: none

ACCESSORIES
Bars: Front Street Cycles, risers by Throwback MC Parts
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Fenders: Front Street
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Taillight: TT & Co.
Pegs: owner, custom
Electrics: owner
Gas tank: Ben Jordan
Oil tank: old 1950s Stilco hot rod filter
Oil system: Harley-Davidson
Seat: engraved leather by Rich Phillips
Grips: Speed Demon

FORKS
Type: springer
Extension: stock
Builder: Bare Knuckle Choppers

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UTAH HELMET LEGISLATION PULLED: The threat of a mandatory helmet law in Utah has lifted. Thanks to the calls and emails from hundreds of activists nationwide, Senator Todd Weiler has decided to pull his proposed mandatory helmet law for that state.

ABATE of Utah had issued a "Call To Action," asking riders to contact all Utah state senators and respectfully ask them to oppose changes to the existing bill, and ask them to support their position.

Steve Thompson, director of ABATE said, "We would like to thank the MRF, U.S. Defenders, the Confederation of Clubs and everyone else for all of their support. The phone calls and emails definitely made a difference. Senator Weiler has assured us that a helmet law bill will not be run in Utah this year; we look forward to working with the senator in the future.

"We will continue to work at keeping Utah the motorcycle-friendly state that it is, by continuing to watch for legislation that may interfere with our right to ride free." Source: ABATE of Utah

TWO HELMET BILLS INTRODUCED IN WASHINGTON STATE: Riders in Washington state have two bills pending that would end or modify the state's mandatory helmet law. The House version (HB1246) would eliminate the requirement entirely, the Senate version (SB5143) is an 18-and-over bill. According to the source, riders have the promise of a hearing from both co-chairs of the Senate Transportation committee, Senator Curtis King and Senator Tracey Eide.

Donnie "Mr. Breeze" Landsman explains, "Washington, like so many other states, has enough votes to pass a repeal; however, getting a hearing has been impossible for the past 23 or so years. Thankfully, the Senate Transportation Committee had a shake up when the incumbent serial bill blocker, Mary Margaret Haugen, lost her re-election bid. So, our hope to rattle the senses of the legislature lies in the hands of the Senate Transportation Committee and the co-chairs.

"Our biggest battle will be getting a House Transpo hearing. The Chair, Rep. Judy Clibborn has been blocking our attempts for years. I am working my way around her as effectively as I can. We are hopeful that the Senate Hearing will ripple through the House and there will be no choice left for the nannycrats." Source: "Mr. Breeze

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

A ship is safe when it's in the harbour. But that's not what a ship is for."

—Paulo Coelho

VIRGINIA HELMET LAW CHANGE INTRODUCED: A new bill in the Virginia General Assembly proposes to change the law when it comes to wearing your helmet on a motorcycle. Delegate Ben Cline has introduced HB2010, a bill that exempts riders, who are at least 21 years old from the requirement to wear a helmet while on a motorcycle. The bill, at this time, is awaiting a vote in the Transportation committee. Source: *www.richmondsunlight.com*

MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN NEW JERSEY: Senators Jeff Van Drew and Donald Norcross have introduced legislation in New Jersey prohibiting vehicle checkpoints that are limited to motorcycles. The bill (S-1685) is in response to a program states are being encouraged to implement which would establish checkpoints where motorcycle drivers are subject to an equipment and paperwork check.

The measure would prohibit law enforcement agencies from conducting a roadside checkpoint or other systematic inspection of vehicles along public roads, streets, and highways if it is established for the sole purpose of inspecting vehicles. Those conducted for legitimate public safety reasons would not be restricted.

Three states, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Washington, recently enacted similar legislation in response to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints to stop motorcyclists to check equipment and vehicle paperwork.

The Transportation Committee approved the senators' bill by a vote of 4-0. It now heads to the full Senate for a vote. Source: American Motorcyclist Association

STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF HELMET LAW BEGINS IN THE PHILIPPINES: A traffic enforcer was one of the first arrested as strict enforcement of the country's helmet law went into effect January 1. Clad in his yellow traffic enforcer uniform, Eduardo Arsenio was spotted scratching his head while another cop filled out his ticket. He claimed that he didn't know the strict enforcement began yesterday. "Alam ko po, pero hindi ko inakala na ngayon agad. Nawala sa isip ko," he said.

The helmet law has been widely criticized as, "oppressive, anti-poor and

stupid," according to the *Zamboanga Daily Times*, a Manila newspaper.

Riders were required to get compliance stickers before the January 1 deadline. However, the government subsequently ran out of stickers early, requiring riders to purchase new headgear instead. Making matters worse, dealers are said to be marking up the price of helmets, taking advantage of desperate riders looking to comply with the law. The fine is P1,500 for the first offense, or about $36 US. Source: *Manila Bulletin, Zamboanga Daily Times*

NEW LAWS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS IN ILLINOIS: SB 3452/PA 97-743, mandates that motorcycle handlebars will have to be below the height of the rider's head. The law also sets a minimum fine of $1000 for wheelies, if the rider is also speeding. Lastly the bill prohibits the sale of license plate covers that cover up or obscure a license plate number.

It will also be legal for Illinois motorcyclists to "proceed through a red light if the light fails to change" after January 1. The bill was originally vetoed by Governor Pat Quinn, who cited vagaries in the law regarding how long a motorcyclist must stop. His veto was overridden, and the legislature promised to address his concerns in another session.

Photo: Billy Gannon

THE "IRISH RIDER" RIDES ON: Motorcycle activist Billy "Irish Rider" Gannon was a member of the original Meeting of the Minds Steering Committee and one of the founders of what would become the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, (MRF). He worked with the Modified Motorcycle Association of Massachusetts, (MMA), and was also a proud member of the Massachusetts chapter of Bikers of Lesser Tolerance, (BOLT-MA). Billy was also an early inductee of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame.

On December 17 I received an email from Billy addressed to many of his friends updating us on his condition and explaining how his ongoing cancer treatments had wreaked havoc on his teeth, ruining his smile. Self-conscious about it, he wrote "I never opened my mouth or smiled for pictures or anything." He happily reported that he had just his broken teeth replaced and said, "After almost a year and a half, through the miracle of science and a lot of patience, again I have a smile and will be french-kissing again. See attached. How do you like it—I'm smiling at you. Think positively... Love, B."

We were surprised and saddened to find that Billy passed away last Christmas Eve after his long and courageous battle with cancer. His sharp wit and tireless activism will be sorely missed.

"It's an advertisement for penis enlargement."

INDIANA "DEAD RED" BILL IN THE WORKS: Representatives. Tim Brown and Mike Karickhoff in Indiana are sponsoring legislation that will allow operators of motorcycles, motorized bicycles, motor scooters, and bicycles to proceed after stopping at a red light, if they come to a complete stop for two minutes, and proceed when it is safe to do so. Many stoplights are magnetically triggered and motorcycles sometimes don't trigger them, leaving motorcyclists waiting for lingering red lights to change to green. Similar legislation is in effect in 16 states so far. Info: *Journal and Courier*

HOLLISTER INDEPENDENCE RALLY RETURNS FOR 2012: After five years on hold, the Hollister, California, city council has voted to bring back the Hollister Independence Day Motorcycle Rally back this year. The rally had been cancelled back in 2009 after demands from the police for added security and attendant overtime charges proved to be too expensive for the sleepy burg.

The event commemorates the infamous 1948 motorcycle "riot" that was immortalized in the 1951 movie, *The Wild One*. The reborn event is set to take place July 5 - 6, 2013. Source: Pro Riders Marketing

RESTRICTIONS ON NEW RIDERS ENACTED IN THE GARDEN STATE: In New Jersey riders taking the motorcycle test on scooters or bikes less than 231cc will have their driver license restricted, allows them to only ride a motorcycle that is less than 500cc's. If the road test is taken on a bike that is over 231cc, there will be no restriction. Riders who have passed the MSF Basic Rider Course are exempt. Source: New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

FLASHING NOW LEGAL IN FLORIDA: A new law in Florida legalizes flashing headlights to warn approaching motorists of speed traps in the state. The Florida Highway Patrol had already ordered its officers to stop issuing tickets for high beam flashing after being hit with a lawsuit. However, the lawyer representing some of those motorists says that the new law doesn't go far enough—that police can still use other sections of the code to issue tickets, including a prohibition against using high beams within 500 feet of approaching traffic. Source: Associated Press

SUPREME COURT TO RULE ON FORCED BLOOD TESTS: A traffic stop in Missouri may end up rewriting drunk driving laws in all 50 states. The case arose when a driver in the state was pulled over for speeding. According to officers, he failed a sobriety test, and was told to take a breath test. He refused. He was then taken to a hospital, where he also refused to take a blood test. The officer had the technician draw his blood anyway. At no time did the officer seek a warrant.

The driver's lawyer persuaded a trial judge to exclude the evidence as in violation of the Fourth amendment. A state appeals court reversed the decision, but the Missouri Supreme Court ultimately affirmed that the police were not justified in ordering a blood test without first obtaining a warrant.

The Supreme Court will take up the case, *Missouri v. McNeely*, in January or February. Source: *Christian Science Monitor*

IF CORPORATIONS ARE PEOPLE, CAN THEY RIDE IN THE CARPOOL LANE? Jonathan Frieman, a California political activist, has been trying to get ticketed for driving in the carpool lane. He wasn't really flying solo because he had stack of documents in the car representing a corporation.

Frieman is hoping that the judge will convict him, so he can appeal. This will allow him to appeal, challenging the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, a case which affirmed that "corporations are people."

"When a corporation is present in one's car, it is sufficient to qualify as a two-person occupancy for commuter lane purposes," said Ford Greene, Frieman's lawyer.

We checked, the California Vehicle Code defines a person as "natural person, firm, copartnership, association, limited liability company, or corporation." Source: *Pacific Sun*. Hat tip to Warren Woodward

THAT'S IT FOR THIS MONTH: We're having a spate of unusually warm weather, so, I'm off for a ride. I may not come back.—*Kit Maira*

EASYRIDERS SWEEPSTAKES WINNER ANNOUNCED

PAUL YAFFE DREAM BAGGER REVEALED!

When *Easyriders* magazine decided to put together the Ultimate Bagger for the $100,000 Magazine Sweepstakes, there was only one guy we could go to—Mr. Paul Yaffe of Bagger Nation.

A year in the making, the bike is a test bed for many parts that Paul Yaffe's Bagger Nation will be introducing in future months, including special triple trees and a raked neck block for OEM factory touring bikes, which will allow you to bolt a 30-inch wheel on your bike. Also in the works is Paul's new Super Stretched Look kit, which will include stretched saddlebags and a new rear fender which are bolt on for OEM bikes.

Paul tells us "My motivation for taking on this bike was to solve the 30-inch wheel issue and to build a bike that looked proportional with a 30-inch wheel. Of course I couldn't do anything easy."

The changes to the frame geometry allow the bike to handle absolutely nimbly, much like stock, and with zero flop. Paul says, "It rides great, it's got no weight at all to it, and the trail is a perfect, 6 1/2 inches."

The contest was sponsored by Dennis Kirk, and parts to build the bike were supplied by several manufacturers. The engine is a 111T hybrid from S&S Cycle. The 30-inch Racine front wheel is from Renegade Wheels, as is the 18 5.5 in the rear. The on-off frame was supplied by the master blacksmiths at Rolling Thunder. It incorporates a 1 1/2-inch stretch in the neck height, and 2-inch stretch in length. Hawg Halters, Inc. provided the front end, brakes and controls. The front fender blank was donated by BCool Products. Finally, JIMS supplied the polished 6-speed transmission.

Paul says that when he was asked to build the bike he jumped at the chance as it would give him a "platform to put some of my crazy ideas into reality."

"We wanted to make something that you could ride across the country, and this thing rides like a Cadillac."

The winner of the Paul Yaffe Ultimate Bagger is Keith Twitchell of Binghamton, New York. He received the keys to the bike at the Easyriders Invitational Bike Show in Columbus, Ohio, on February 10.

If you have a print subscription to *Easyriders*, or are a digital subscriber, you can view an interview with Paul Yaffe and *Easyriders* Editor Dave Nichols talking about building this bike. You can also check out all of our expanded digital content at *EasyridersDVD.com*.

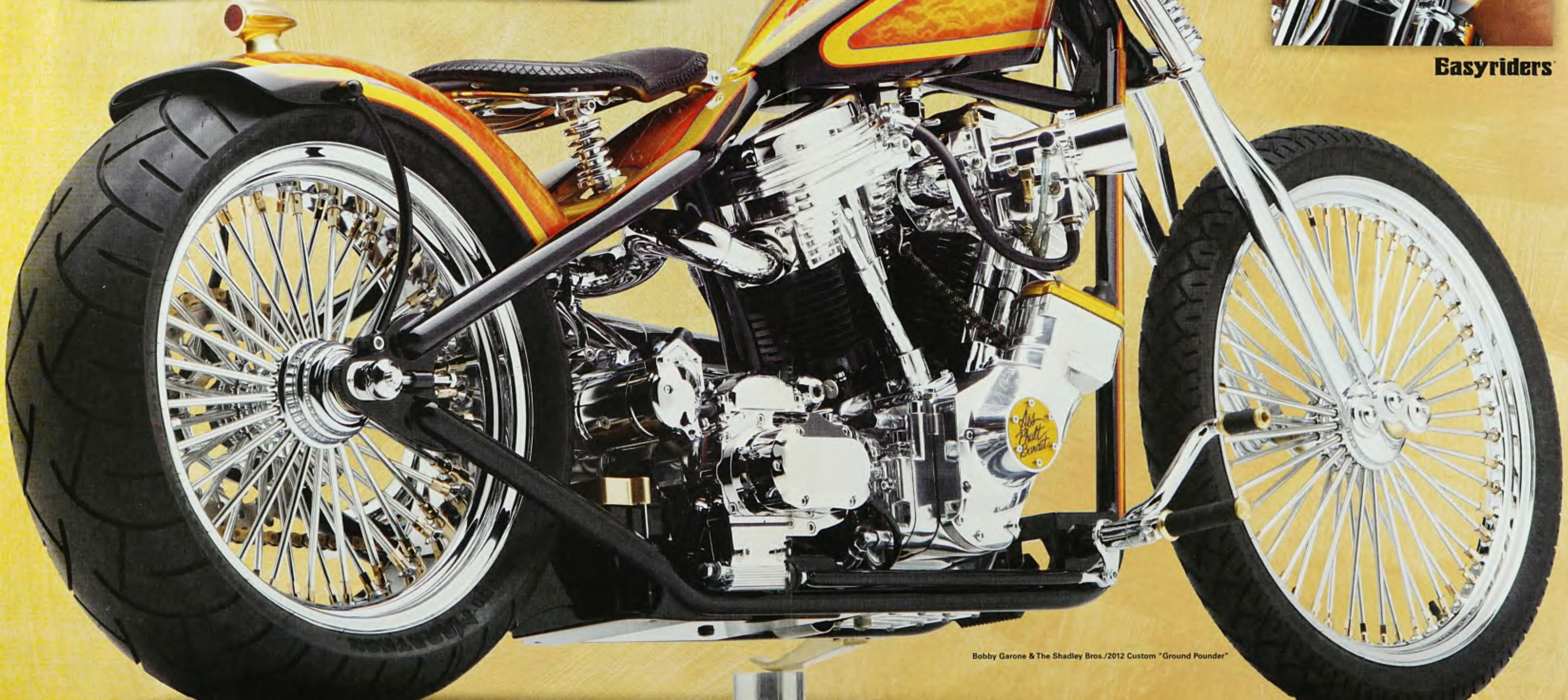
GROUND POUNDER

THE SHADLEY BROS. 1970s FLASHBACK

It is a good thing Bobby Garone runs a road contracting company out on eastern Long Island, New York. Without those big buildings housing the tools and equipment of his trade, there wouldn't be room for his motorcycles. "Some guys collect cars, with some guys it's guns and hunting," Bobby says. "Me, I guess I'm just into motorcycles."

Lately Bobby has been adding to his collection to the tune of a new bike a year. All told, there are twelve pretty sweet rides now sharing space with the 'dozers and dump trucks, and Bobby's bikes run the gamut. There is an all-original 1947 knucklehead; there are choppers, bobbers, baggers, Softails and an FXR or two. "And I use them all," Bobby's quick to add. "These aren't just show bikes, they're for fun. Different days call for different bikes, and I've been fortunate enough to put together what I think is a pretty cool lineup." He's not alone in that assessment, and this lace-painted Pagan Gold sweetheart, a collaboration between Bobby and the multi-talented Shadley Bros. up in Massachusetts, is the latest to join the herd.

Our *Easyriders* girl this month is the pert and pleasing Poison from Syracuse, New York. She ads just the right touch of bad girl nastiness to this Shadley Bros. Ground Pounder.



Bobby Garone & The Shadley Bros./2012 Custom "Ground Pounder"

No front brake, internal controls, jockey shift and a foot clutch. You have to know what you're doing to ride this one.

"This time I wanted something with a real 1970s vibe," Bobby explains, "a throwback in the David Mann style. And true to that era, this isn't a bike that just anyone can hop on and ride. There's no front brake, all the hand controls are internal; it has a jockey shift with a foot clutch. You have to know what you're doing here. The bike's just clean and simple, nothing up on the handlebars, nothing on the bike anywhere that doesn't need to be there." But look closely. The detail is amazing.

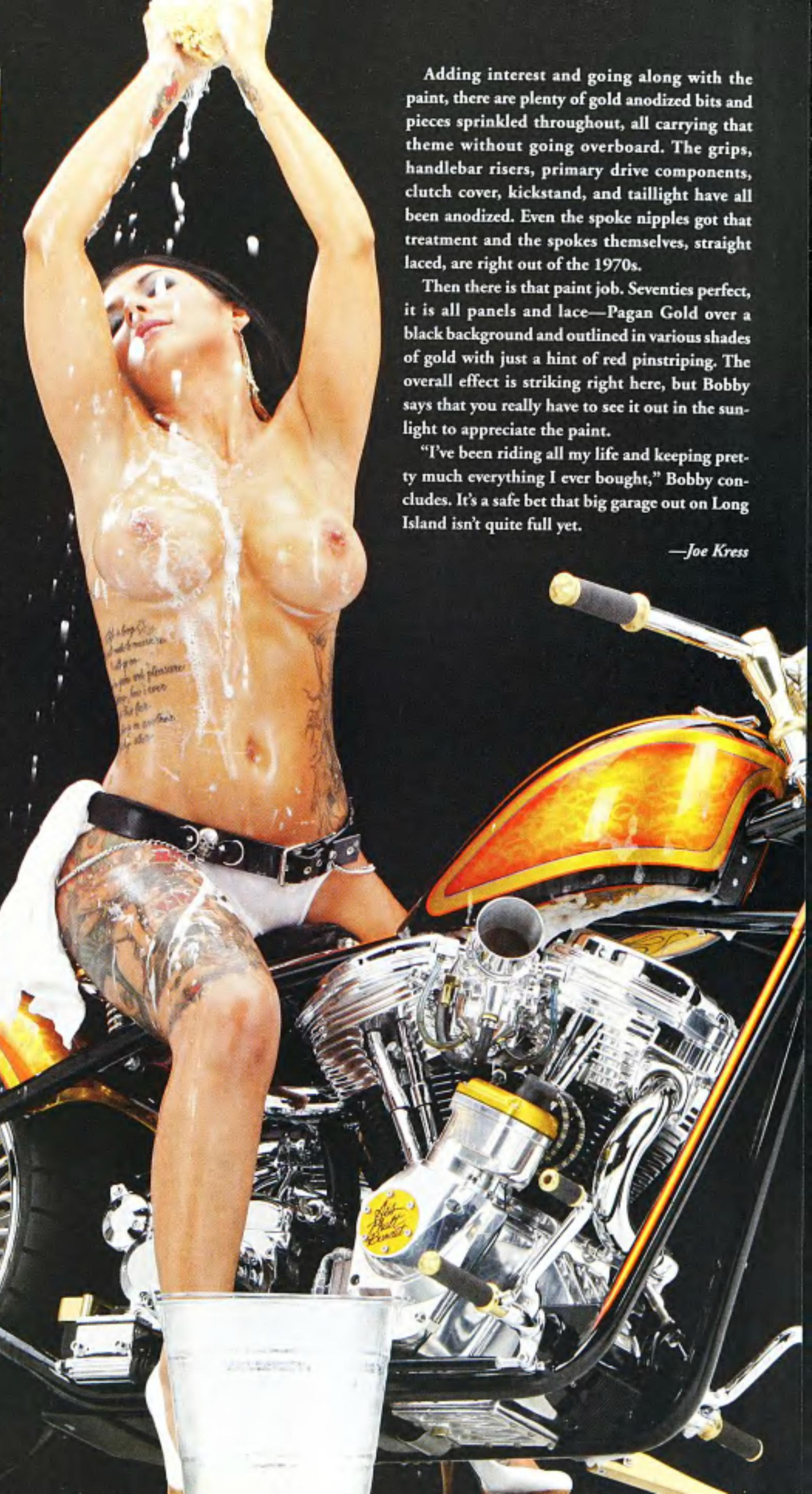
Starting with a Maximum Metal frame, a rigid of course, with 30 degrees rake and no stretch, Bobby chose to power things with a reliable engine. Dressed out with round cylinders and panhead tins up top to lend that old timey feel, it is a dead reliable 116-incher packed with performance from its S&S lower end to the R&R high-torque heads. "We wanted to make the exhaust come out on the left side—something different," Bobby adds. The rear brake, the only one on the bike, is over on the left as well, really clearing off that right-side view. Of course there is a peanut tank, a Shadley creation, and the springer front end is super narrow.

Adding interest and going along with the paint, there are plenty of gold anodized bits and pieces sprinkled throughout, all carrying that theme without going overboard. The grips, handlebar risers, primary drive components, clutch cover, kickstand, and taillight have all been anodized. Even the spoke nipples got that treatment and the spokes themselves, straight laced, are right out of the 1970s.

Then there is that paint job. Seventies perfect, it is all panels and lace—Pagan Gold over a black background and outlined in various shades of gold with just a hint of red pinstriping. The overall effect is striking right here, but Bobby says that you really have to see it out in the sunlight to appreciate the paint.

"I've been riding all my life and keeping pretty much everything I ever bought," Bobby concludes. It's a safe bet that big garage out on Long Island isn't quite full yet.

—Joe Kress



As simple as this bike seems, take a good look. The detail is amazing.

Owner: Bobby Garone, left
City: East Moriches, New York

GENERAL
Designer: Bobby Garone & The Shadley Bros.
Fabrication: Shadley Bros.
Year/make: 2012 Custom
Model: "Ground Pounder"
Assembly: Shadley Bros.
Time: 6 months
Chroming: Meclec

ENGINE
Year/make: 2012 S&S
Rebuilder: Shadley Bros.
Displacement: 116 cubic inches
Ignition: Morris Magneto
Cam: Andrews 640 grind
Carb: S&S
Air cleaner: S&S Stack, modified
Pipes: Shadley Bros.

TRANSMISSION
Year/make: 2012 JIMS Fat 5
Shifting: jockey

PAINT
Painter: Russ Keene, Shadley Bros.
Type/color: PPG/Pagan Gold, black

FRAME
Year/make: 2012 Maximum Metal
Type: rigid
Rake: 30 degrees
Stretch: none
Shocks: none

ACCESSORIES
Bars: Acme Choppers
Handlebar controls: internal
Fenders: Shadley Bros.
Headlight: Headwinds
Taillight: Belmitt Rocket 88
Speedo: none
Pegs: RSD
Foot controls: RSD
Gas tank: Shadley Bros.
Oil tank: Shadley Bros.
Seat: solo
Mirrors: none
Grips: RSD

FRONT END
Type: springer, 2 inches under
Builder: Acme Choppers

WHEELS
Make: Ride Wright
Size: 21-inch front, 18-inch rear
Tires: Metzeler
Brakes: Performance Machine
Photos: Dino Petrocelli
Contact: Shadley Bros. 781-447-4454

START OF THE EASYRIDERS BIKE SHOW TOUR

AWESOME IN ANAHEIM

Did you know that Anaheim was founded in 1857 by German grape growers and wine makers and was called Campo Alemán by their Spanish-speaking neighbors? We tell you this as part of our ongoing efforts to educate our readers and broaden their minds. These days, of course, not much German is spoken in Anaheim anymore; the city is now better known as the home of Disneyland and, more recently, as the annual meeting point for custom motorcycle aficionados from all over Southern California and beyond.

That's right, the Anaheim Convention Center was once again the action-packed venue for the start of our Easyriders Bike Show Tour this past January 5. Hundreds of custom motorcycles were on display, representing every make, model, and category imaginable, from classic antique knuckles and pans, to the latest space age

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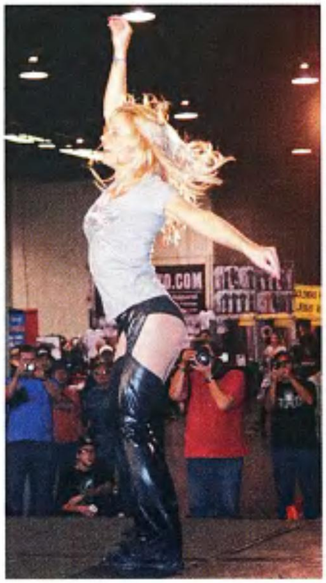
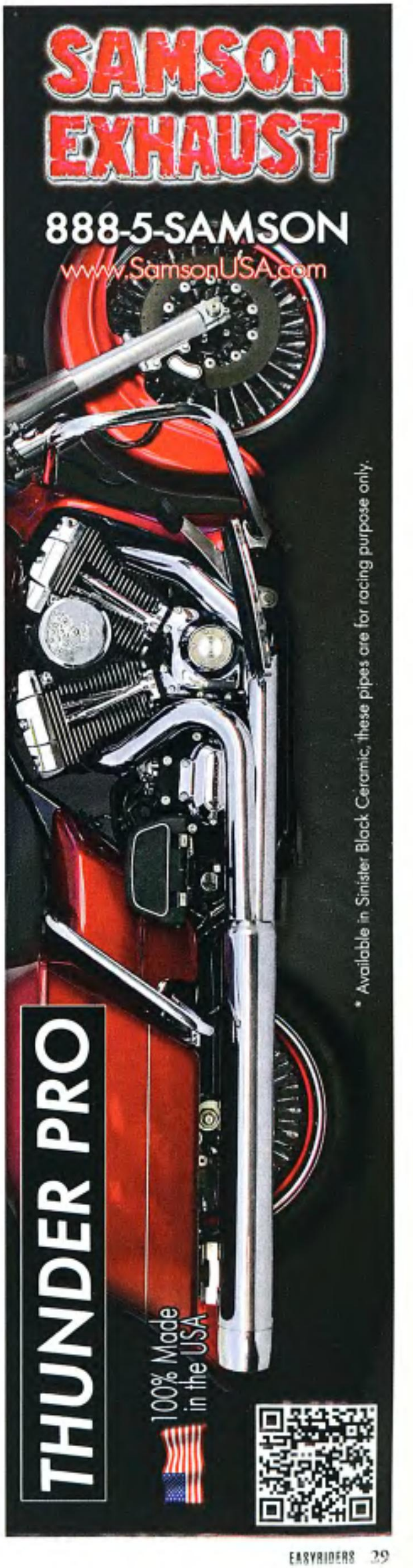


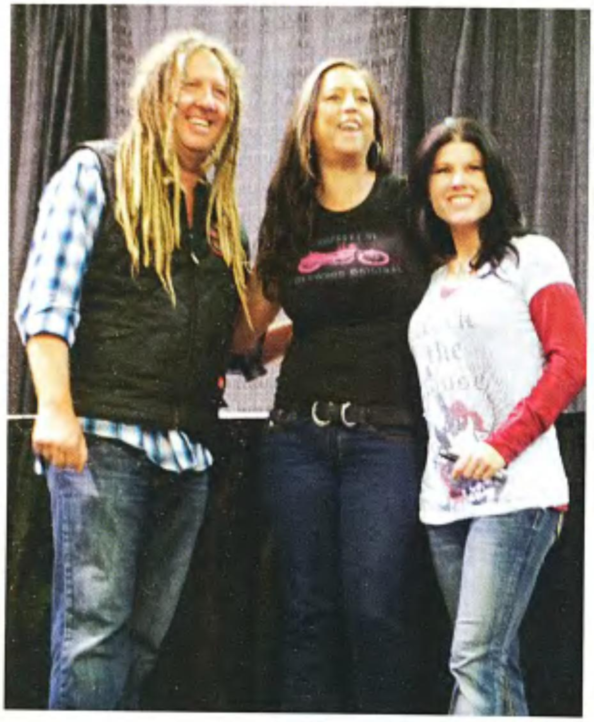
creations; from bobbers and choppers to baggers and trikes. There was even a crazy Batwoman three-wheeler that turned a lot of heads.There were plenty of custom creations on hand to keep our judges as busy as proverbial beavers, but the "spectating" public also had a weighty job to do as there were some 60 awards slated to go to some very talented builders in both the Judged and Spectator (People's Choice) classes.

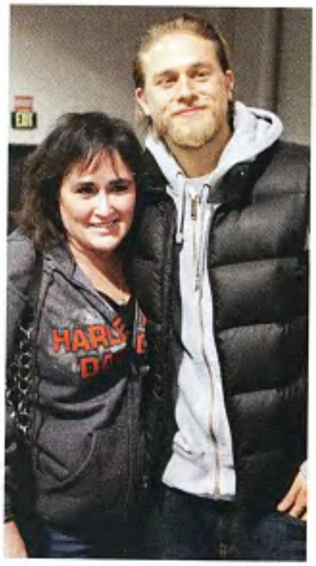
The exhibit hall was rocked with plenty of groovy music coming from the country rock trio Jive Mother Mary, the acrobatic and often erotic moves of the Purrfect Angelz, as well as the beaming smile and friendly manner of Charlie Hunnam or, as everyone knows him, "Jax" from the hit TV series *Sons of Anarchy*. Even though he wasn't scheduled to appear until 2:45 p.m., the line of eager autograph seekers began to form as early as 9:30 a.mm. in the morning.

The place was packed throughout the day. Beer lines started early and became very long, and vendors and exhibitors alike couldn't help but pull a crowd no matter what they sold—or exhibited: from leather chaps to helmets and sugar skulls, everything found an appreciative audience. Heck, even a Fuller Brush man could have cleaned up here.

Another one of the highlights of this particular show was the special section of old-school bobbers and choppers seen in our new *WRENCH* magazine. Editor Cary Brobeck was on hand to press the flesh and instigate some good-natured shenanigans.







As the afternoon waned and the awards ceremony began, hopeful bike builders gathered around the main stage to hear bike show guru John Green and *Easyriders* editor Dave Nichols do the honors and hand out the awards. Top honors in the Judged Class went to Rick Bray of Hanford for his 1981 RKB Custom called "Fala Doro"; Howard "Tree" Slayton of L.A.'s replica knuck chopper with the Sugar Bear front end; and Paul Wheeler of Van Nuys' classy 1947 knucklehead chopper. Best Paint went to Bruce Weibert of Huntington Beach's wild Big Bear Choppers Sled and Editor's Choice went to Jaime Cruz of Hemet for his 1948 panhead reproduction. People's Choice Best of Show winners included Aloha Brothers of Lathrop for their 2012 Big Kahuna three wheeler; Keith Drum of Anaheim for his 2012 Special Construction; and Hwy 66 Choppers of Monclair for its version of the Captain America chopper from *Easy Rider*.

Check out free video of the Anaheim Bike Show in the digital version of *Easyriders* by going to: www.paisanopub.com. We will be back next year for more fun and excitement, so, as those old Germans would have said: Auf Wiederseh'n!

—Tripper

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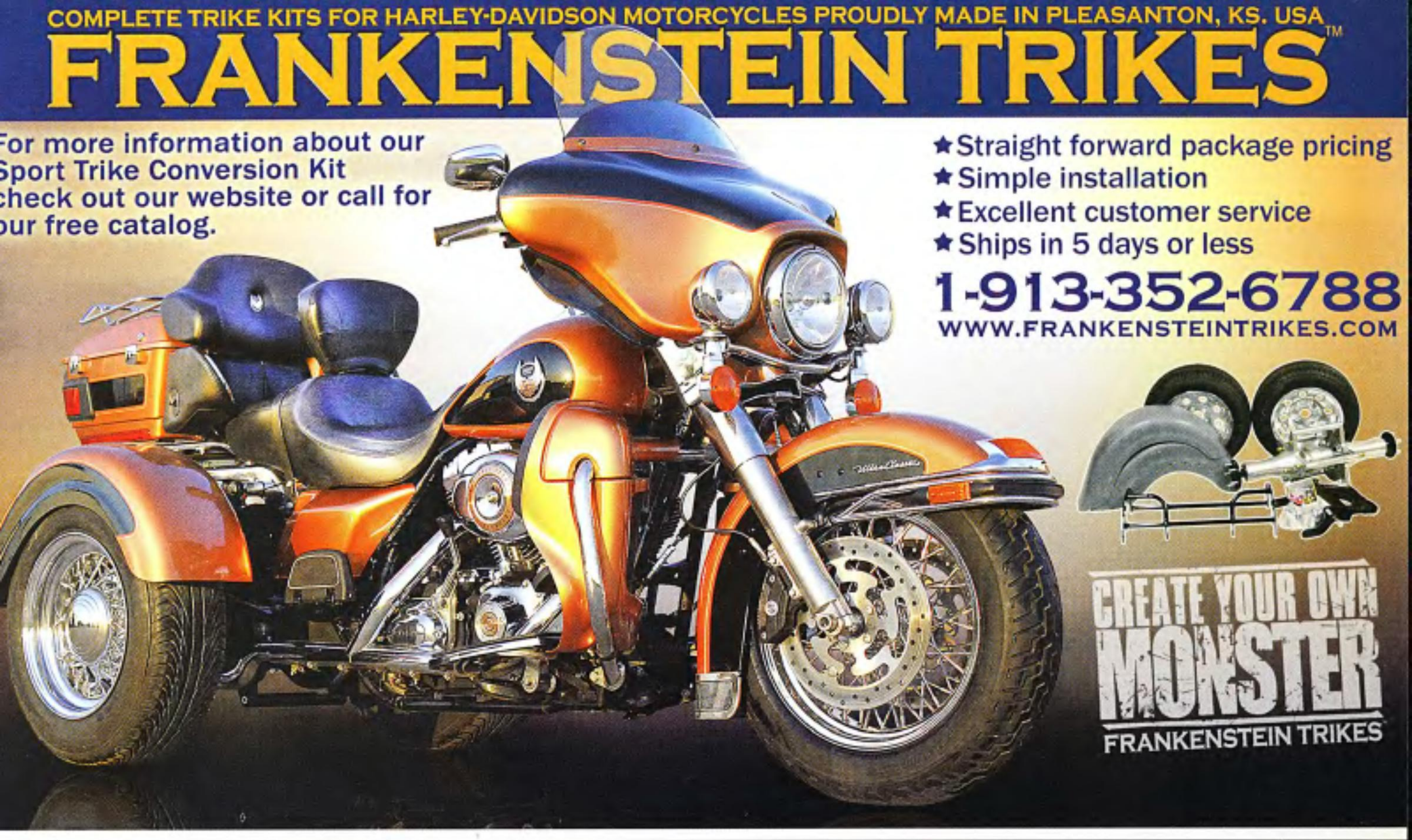
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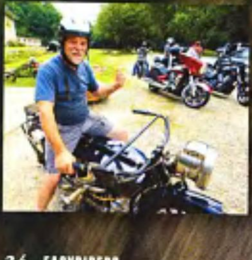
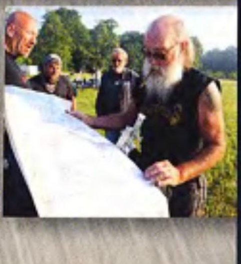
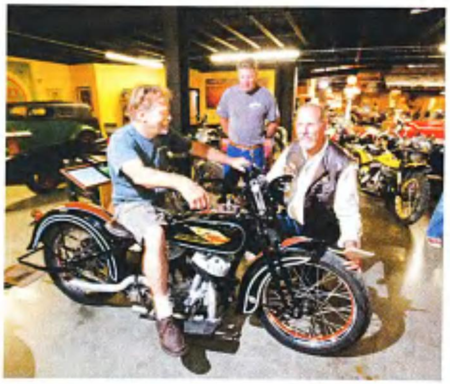




RIDIN' TO THE GREAT SMOKEOUT

With more and more motorcycle events being offered each year, you have to wonder how they can all make it. A few thrive, many stagnate and some barely get by, but Smokeout-13 this past June had the right stuff to keep rockin' in Rockingham, North Carolina.



Bikers rode in from all over the United States, and while this event is nowhere near as big as Sturgis or Daytona, it doesn't aspire to be. Rather, this rally is dedicated to diehard bikers who want to be a part of the fun and part of the entertainment.

There are many ways to get to the Smokeout. All riders heading there are on their own journey and having their own adventure. After arriving in Asheville, we had the pleasure of meeting up and spending the night with Greg Scheuer, the Smokeout's Event Director and guy that makes it all happen.

With the help of Jeff Najar and John Beasley, we arranged to ride Victory motorcycles to the event thanks to the local American Biker dealership in Ladson, South Carolina. With Maggie Valley so close, we spent a good part of our first day at the Wheels Through Time Museum where Dale Walksler gave us the tour of his collection, sharing his incredible tales and knowledge, and he would start any bike you wanted to hear. Dale's son, Matt, who was raised around these old bikes, impressed us with his store of information as well.

From the Museum, we rode our trusty Victory motorcycles on some smaller than small roads to the Switchback Creek Campground, just over

the border in Shady Valley, Tennessee. We got there in time for the mouth-watering barbecue they cooked to greet the Long Road riders for the last stop on their self-described "1,000 miles of Ridin' and Partyin'" five-day adventure to Rockingham.

The Long Road has traditionally been a ride across the country from places like Louisiana or New Mexico to the destination, but this year, a group of guys decided to see what the beautiful local roads had to offer. These guys had lots of good miles and fun stories under their belt by this point.

Thursday left us with a beautiful 220-mile ride to Rockingham with the Long Riders. It was time for me to get serious about shooting flicks of this event, so Mike "Panhead" Alcon jumped in my Victory saddle, and I reversed gears, or at least positions to sit backward view to the Smokeout. Victory set the bike up special with running boards designed for sitting backwards and shooting photos. Other than the temperature (103 degrees), the day couldn't have been more perfect. We arrived in Rockingham as things were just getting going.

There was a long list of festivities for the next two days. The drags got going, mini-bikes were warmed up, and Anthony Furey, straight from Dublin, Ireland, gave a thoroughly enjoyable solo performance. With the night came the annual wet T-shirt contest with Roadside Mary and a great band called Rebel Son. The energy was high and the place rocked! When the place finally did close, the party just moved next door into the campground with music until 4 a.m.

Saturday kicked off with the energy where Friday left off. There were multiple bike shows so everyone could enter their bike and compete against their peers, whether professional or backyard builder. There was stunt riding by Chris Conroy of All American Stunters and bands on stage including original Lynyrd Skynyrd drummer Artimus Pyle playing with his band. Meanwhile, the drags could always be heard in the background, giveaways were held at the stage and the infamous "Painted Lady" contest was a major hit.

For many bikers, the Super Hero mini-bike races Saturday afternoon were the highlight. This homegrown event captures the spirit of the rally, where the racers get into serious competition, but at the same time laugh at themselves and each other the whole time. The organizers make sure this run has all the ingredients for success, especially when you add bikers that come to participate rather than watch. They aren't looking to be entertained—they are the entertainment.

Be part of it yourself next year by joining the Long Road or getting riding right to Rockingham for Smokeout 14 scheduled for June 21 - 22, 2013. Visit www.smokeoutrally.com for more info. *—Michael Lichter*

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3 PIECE TITANIUM NITRIDE COATED HIGH SPEED STEEL STEP DRILLS
drillmaster
Item 91616 shown
LOT NO. 91616/ 69087/60379
SAVE 60%
$7.99
REG. PRICE $19.99
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SUPER COUPON!
4-1/2" ANGLE GRINDER
drillmaster
LOT NO. 95578/ 69645/ 60625
Item 95578 shown
SAVE 50%
$9.99
REG. PRICE $19.99
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SUPER COUPON!
CENTRAL PNEUMATIC
3" HIGH SPEED AIR CUT-OFF TOOL
LOT NO. 47077/60243/ 67425/69473/60374
SAVE 70%
Item 47077 shown
$5.99
REG. PRICE $19.99
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SUPER COUPON!
TORQUE WRENCHES
PITTSBURGH PRO
ACCURACY WITHIN ±4%
YOUR CHOICE!
$9.99
1/4" DRIVE LOT NO. 2696
3/8" DRIVE LOT NO. 807
1/2" DRIVE LOT NO. 239
SAVE 71%
REG. PRICE $34.99
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SUPER COUPON!
6" DIGITAL CALIPER
PITTSBURGH
LOT NO. 47257
$9.99
REG. PRICE $29.99
SAVE 66%
Includes two 1.5V button cell batteries.
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SUPER COUPON!
CENTRALPNEUMATIC
3 GALLON, 100 PSI OILLESS PANCAKE AIR COMPRESSOR
Item 95275 shown
SAVE 50%
$39.99
REG. PRICE $79.99
LOT NO. 95275/ 60637/69486
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SUPER COUPON!
10 PIECE BEARING RACE AND SEAL DRIVER SET
LOT NO. 95853
SAVE 50%
US ★ GENERAL
$19.99
REG. PRICE $39.99
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SUPER COUPON!
US ★ GENERAL
580 LB. CAPACITY FOUR DRAWER TOOL CART
SAVE $130
$99.99
REG. PRICE $229.99
LOT NO. 95659
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SUPER COUPON!
HIGH SPEED METAL SAW
CENTRAL PNEUMATIC
Item 91753 shown
SAVE 66%
LOT NO. 91753/60568
$9.99
REG. PRICE $29.99
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SUPER COUPON!
SUPER-WIDE TRI-FOLD LOADING RAMP
Haul Master
LOT NO. 90018/ 69595/ 60334
SAVE $65
1500 LB. CAPACITY
Item 90018 shown
$79.99
REG. PRICE $144.99
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SUPER COUPON! — PITTSBURGH MOTORCYCLE — 1000 LB. CAPACITY MOTORCYCLE LIFT
Item 68892 shown
LOT NO. 68892/ 91764/69904
$299.99 — REG. PRICE $599.99
SAVE $300
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SUPER COUPON! — 27 LED PORTABLE WORKLIGHT/FLASHLIGHT
Gordon
Item 67227 shown
LOT NO. 67227/ 69567/60566
Requires three AAA batteries (included).
SAVE 58%
$2.49 — REG. PRICE $5.99
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SUPER COUPON! — MECHANIC'S GLOVES
Item 93640 shown
LARGE LOT NO. 93640/60447
X-LARGE LOT NO. 93641/60448
YOUR CHOICE! **$3.49** — REG. PRICE $7.99
SAVE 56%
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SUPER COUPON! — CHICAGO ELECTRIC WELDING — MIG-FLUX WELDING CART
LOT NO. 90305/ 60790/69340
Welder and accessories sold separately.
SAVE 41%
Item 69340 shown
$34.99 — REG. PRICE $59.99
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SUPER COUPON! — 5 PIECE RATCHETING COMBINATION WRENCH SETS
PITTSBURGH PRO
SAVE 55%
Item 66087 shown
SAE LOT NO. 66087/ 68955/ 60591
METRIC LOT NO. 66286/ 68953/ 60592
YOUR CHOICE! **$17.99** — REG. PRICE $39.99
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SUPER COUPON! — 1/2" INDUSTRIAL QUALITY SUPER HIGH TORQUE IMPACT WRENCH
CENTRAL PNEUMATIC EARTHQUAKE
"Ranks at the Top of its Class"
700 FT. LBS. MAX. TORQUE
LOT NO. 68424/2623
$69.99 — REG. PRICE $119.99
SAVE $50
Item 68424 shown
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SUPER COUPON! — CHICAGO ELECTRIC WELDING — 90 AMP FLUX WIRE WELDER
LOT NO. 68887
NO GAS REQUIRED!
SAVE $60
$89.99 — REG. PRICE $149.99
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SUPER COUPON! — 800 RATED WATTS/ 900 MAX. WATTS PORTABLE GENERATOR
NEW!
LOT NO. 66619/ 60338/69381
SAVE $90
Item 69381 shown
$89.99 — REG. PRICE $179.99
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SUPER COUPON! — 1500 WATT DUAL TEMPERATURE HEAT GUN (572°/1112°)
drillmaster
SAVE 60%
LOT NO. 96289
$7.99 — REG. PRICE $19.99
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SUPER COUPON! — CENTRALPNEUMATIC — 20 OZ. GRAVITY FEED SPRAY GUN
LOT NO. 47016/67181
SAVE 66%
Item 47016 shown
$9.99 — REG. PRICE $29.99
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SUPER COUPON! — WIRELESS DRIVEWAY ALERT SYSTEM
Item 93068 shown
Bunker Hill Security
LOT NO. 93068/ 69590
SAVE 60%
Requires one 9 volt and three C batteries (sold separately).
$11.99 — REG. PRICE $29.99
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SUPER COUPON! — CENTRALPNEUMATIC — 1/4" AIR ANGLE DIE GRINDER
SAVE 50%
LOT NO. 32046/ 69945
Item 32046 shown
$9.99 — REG. PRICE $19.99
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SUPER COUPON! — LOW PROFILE MOTORCYCLE DOLLY
1250 LB. CAPACITY
HaulMaster
LOT NO. 95896
SAVE $40
$59.99 — REG. PRICE $99.99
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SUPER COUPON! — MOTORCYCLE WHEEL CHOCK
HaulMaster
LOT NO. 96349/ 69026/60392
SAVE 46%
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$26.99 — REG. PRICE $49.99
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SUPER COUPON! — HEAVY DUTY CHAIN BREAKER
LOT NO. 66488
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$7.99 — REG. PRICE $15.99
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SUPER COUPON! — US★GENERAL PRO — 44", 13 DRAWER INDUSTRIAL QUALITY ROLLER CABINET
2900 LB. CAPACITY WEIGHS 306 LBS.
NEW! HIGH GLOSS FINISH!
LOT NO. 68784/69387
SAVE $240
Item 68784 shown
$359.99 — REG. PRICE $599.99
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SUPER COUPON! — 36 LED SOLAR SECURITY LIGHT
Item 69644 shown
SAVE 28%
Bunker Hill Security
LOT NO. 98085/60498 69644/69890
Includes 3.2V, 600 mAh Li-ion battery pack.
$17.99 — REG. PRICE $24.99
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SUPER COUPON! — PITTSBURGH AUTOMOTIVE — BRAKE BLEEDER AND VACUUM PUMP KIT
SAVE 48%
LOT NO. 92474/ 69328/60770
Item 92474 shown
$17.99 — REG. PRICE $34.99
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SUPER COUPON! — PITTSBURGH — 12" RATCHET BAR CLAMP/SPREADER
LOT NO. 46807/68975/ 69221/69222
Item 46807 shown
SAVE 63%
$1.99 — REG. PRICE $5.49
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SUPER COUPON! — THUNDERBOLT solar — 45 WATT SOLAR PANEL KIT
LOT NO. 68751/90599
SAVE $90
Item 68751 shown
$139.99 — REG. PRICE $229.99
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SUPER COUPON! — 7" VARIABLE SPEED POLISHER/SANDER
Item 92623 shown
LOT NO. 92623/ 60626/69474
drillmaster
SAVE 50%
$29.99 — REG. PRICE $59.99
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SUPER COUPON! — CEN-TECH — NON-CONTACT INFRARED THERMOMETER WITH LASER TARGETING
SAVE 58%
LOT NO. 96451/ 69465/60725
Requires two AAA batteries (sold separately).
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SUPER COUPON! — PREDATOR ENGINES — 6.5 HP OHV HORIZONTAL SHAFT GAS ENGINES (212 CC)
LOT NO. 68120/69730/60363
LOT NO. 68121/69727, CALIFORNIA ONLY
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SUPER COUPON! — 60" WORKBENCH WITH 4 DRAWERS
WINDSOR DESIGN
LOT NO. 93454/ 69054
SAVE $90
Item 93454 shown
$139.99 — REG. PRICE $229.99
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TROUBLE

TRICKY AIR'S RAT ROD STREET GLIDE

You know you are doing something right when the Honda factory and master bike builders like Fred Kodlin choose your parts for their latest and greatest concept bikes. Honda calls its bike "Slammer," and much of the "slam" is thanks to Tricky Air & Billet's innovation suspension designs. Based in Henderson, Tennessee, Tricky Air offers front and rear suspension systems for all kinds of motorcycles: Harleys, metric cruisers, and sports bikes. It also brews up "trick" customs in order to showcase the product line, bikes like the exotic "Lamborghini Bike" and the "Barley Project," a blend of half Harley and half Hayabusa.

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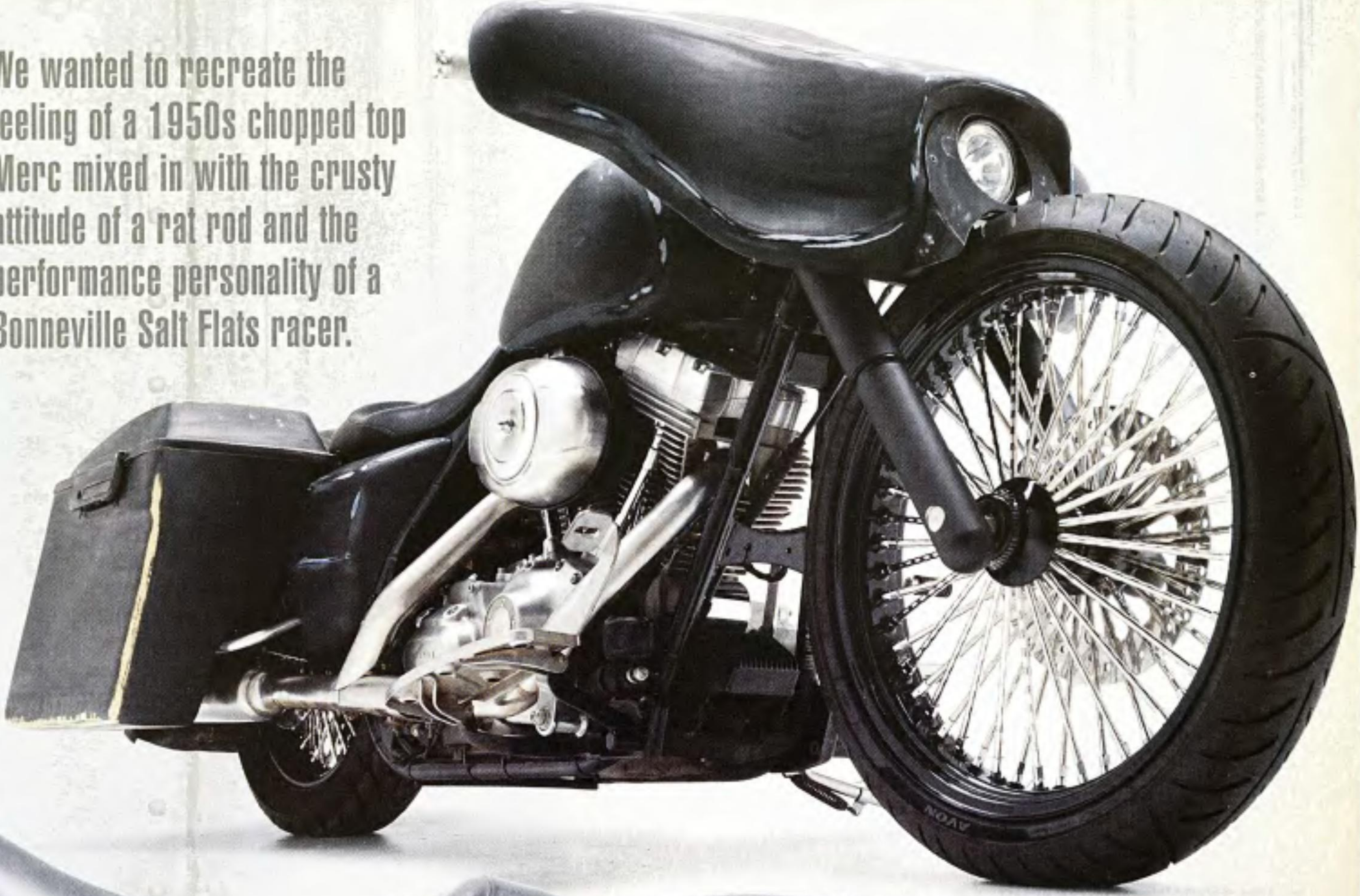
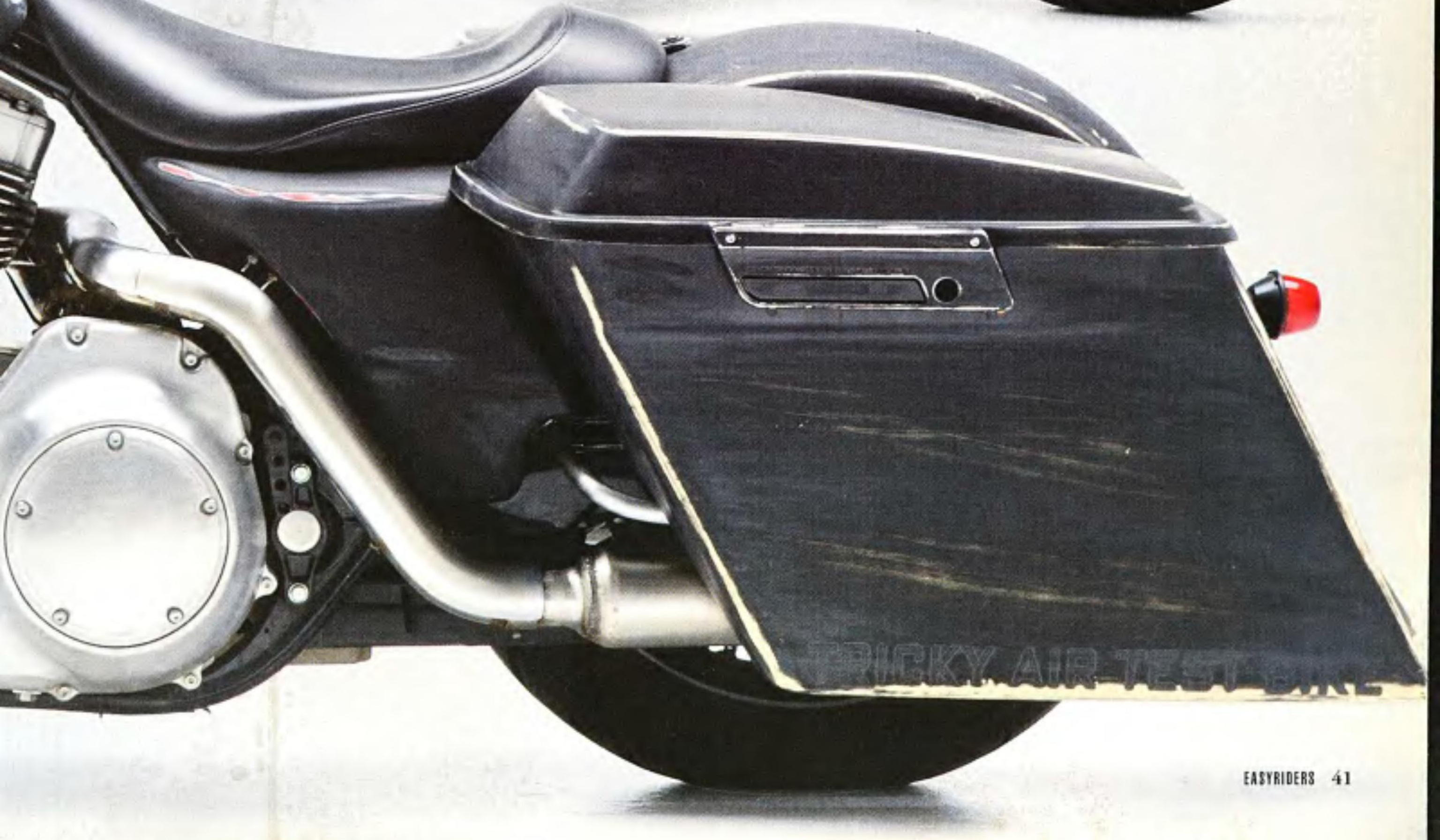
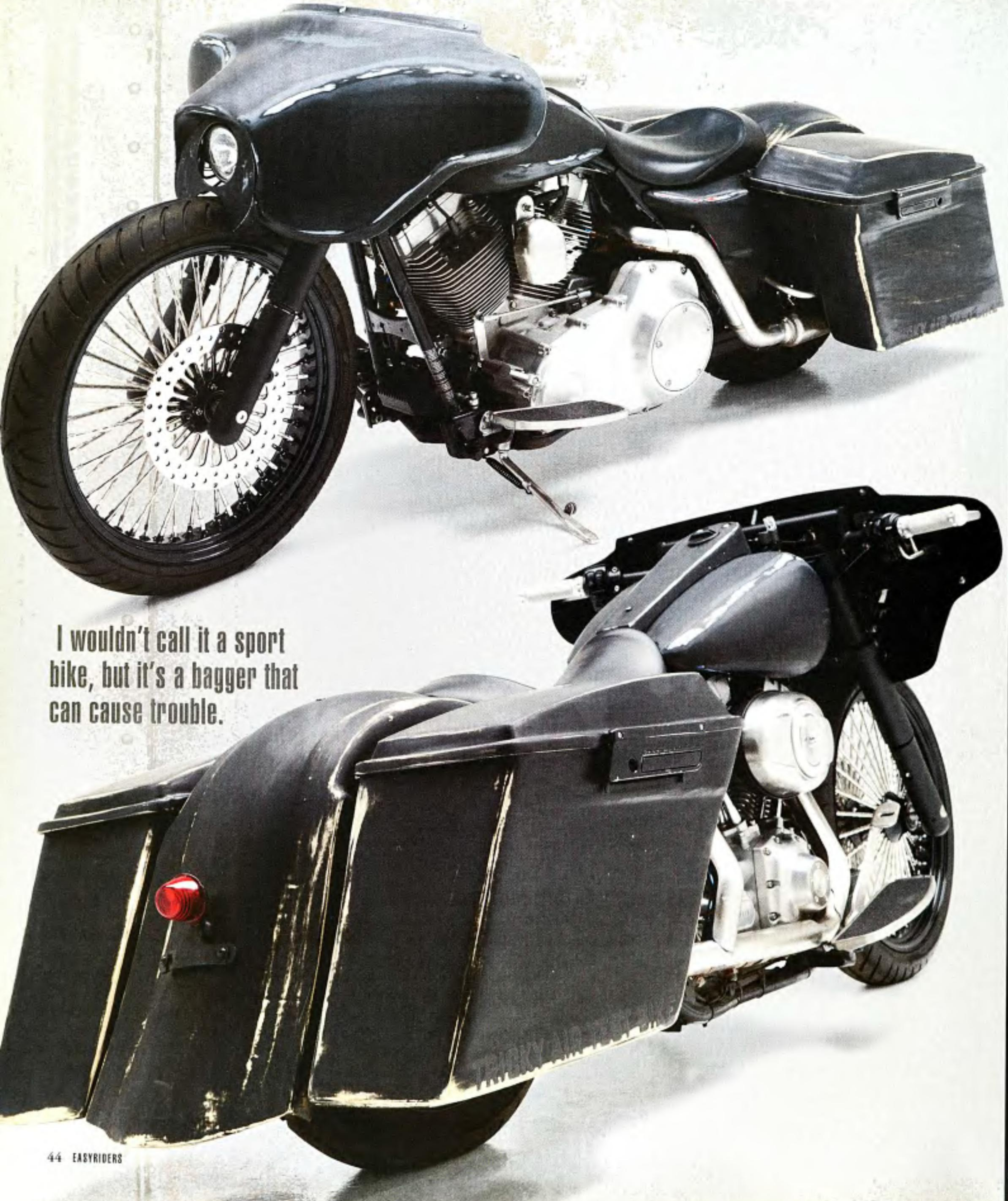




AIR TEST

In this case, Tricky Air decided to create a badass bagger via the Street Glide concept bike seen here, a rolling test bed and a showcase of Tricky Air products and talent. Note the "punched down" fairing, offering the look of an old-school bare-knuckle brawler. Tricky Air head honcho Arnie Gonzalez explains the bagger's attitude when he says, "We wanted to recreate the feeling of a 1950s chopped top Merc mixed in with the crusty attitude of a rat rod and the performance personality of a Bonneville Salt Flats racer, and do it with what's thought of as a traditional cruiser in order to show what people could do with their bikes just by using some of our bolt-on products. And it's still got all the suspension performance you would want. We made it so you can crack the throttle and don't worry about falling off the bike. The bars are low and it feels like you have mid-controls. I wouldn't call it a sport bike, but it's a bagger that can cause trouble."

As for the flat black look, Arnie tells us, "Everybody was doing shiny bikes, but we went in a different direction, for a rat rod look. Say you scratch the paint on this bike. You don't spray it again, you leave it that way. It just adds to the patina. We even sanded the chrome. This bagger is just me playing with the bagger world. My prime job isn't building bikes, but inventing products so other guys can use our components. This bagger did cause quite a stir about four years ago when we first showed it with that smashed down fascia and a smaller headlight, something picked up by other designers. What's exciting for us is seeing other builders use our stuff." —*Paul Garson*



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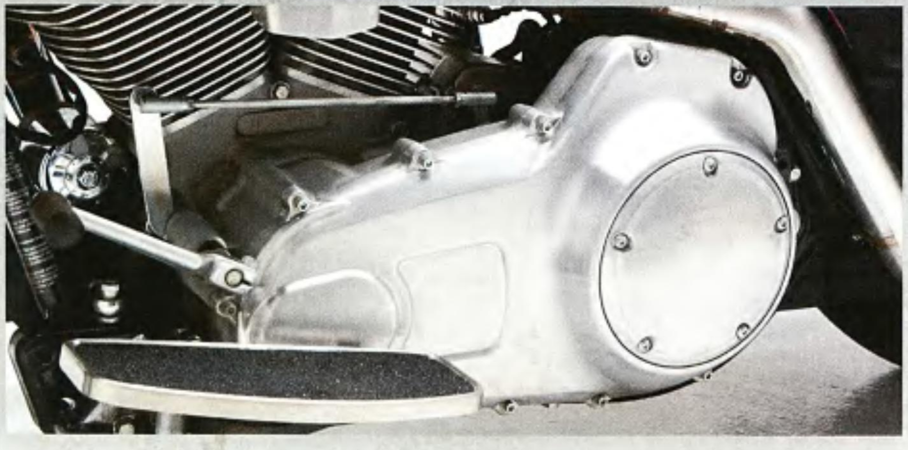
Tricky Air's Arnie Gonzalez (left) and the hard-working Ben Warren.



Owner: Tricky Air & Billet
City: Henderson, Tennessee

GENERAL

Designer: Tricky Air & Billet
Year/make: 2007 Harley-Davidson
Model: Tricky Air Street Glide
Assembly: Tricky Air crew
Time: one month

ENGINE

Year/make: 2007 Harley-Davidson
Displacement: 96 cubic inches
Cam: Harley-Davidson
Ignition: Harley-Davidson
Pistons: Harley-Davidson
Heads: Harley-Davidson
Lifters: Harley-Davidson
Carb(s): Harley-Davidson
Air cleaner: Harley-Davidson
Pipes: Tricky Air

TRANSMISSION

Year/make: 2007 Harley-Davidson
Shifting: 6-speed

PAINT

Painter: Tricky Air
Type/color: Krylon/Flat Black

FRAME

Year/make: 2007 Harley-Davidson
Rake: 26 + 9 Tricky Air rake kit
Stretch: none
Shocks: Tricky Air air suspension

ACCESSORIES

Bars: Tricky Air
Handlebar controls: Harley-Davidson
Fenders: Harley-Davidson
Headlight: Tricky Air custom
Taillight: 1951 truck
Front pegs: Harley-Davidson
Electrics: Harley-Davidson, Tricky Air
Gas tank: Harley-Davidson
Oil tank: Harley-Davidson
Oil system: factory
Seat: Danny Gray
Grips: Blue Steel Customs

FORKS

Type: Tricky Air
Extension: 3-inch stroke with 9-degree Tricky Air trees
Builder: Bare Knuckle Choppers

WHEELS

Size: 21-inch front, 16-inch rear
Wheels: spoked
Tires: Avon
Brakes: Harley-Davidson
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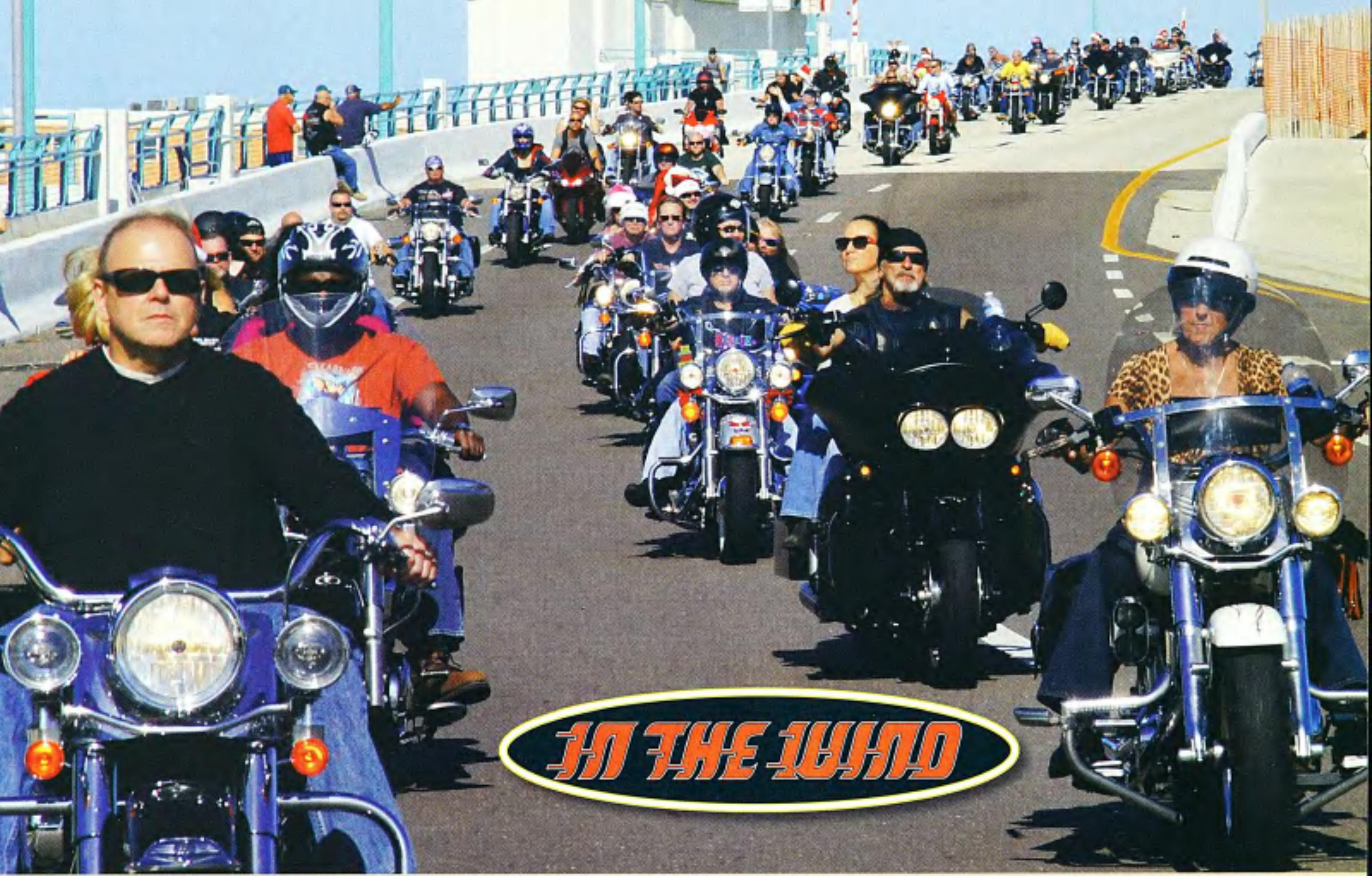
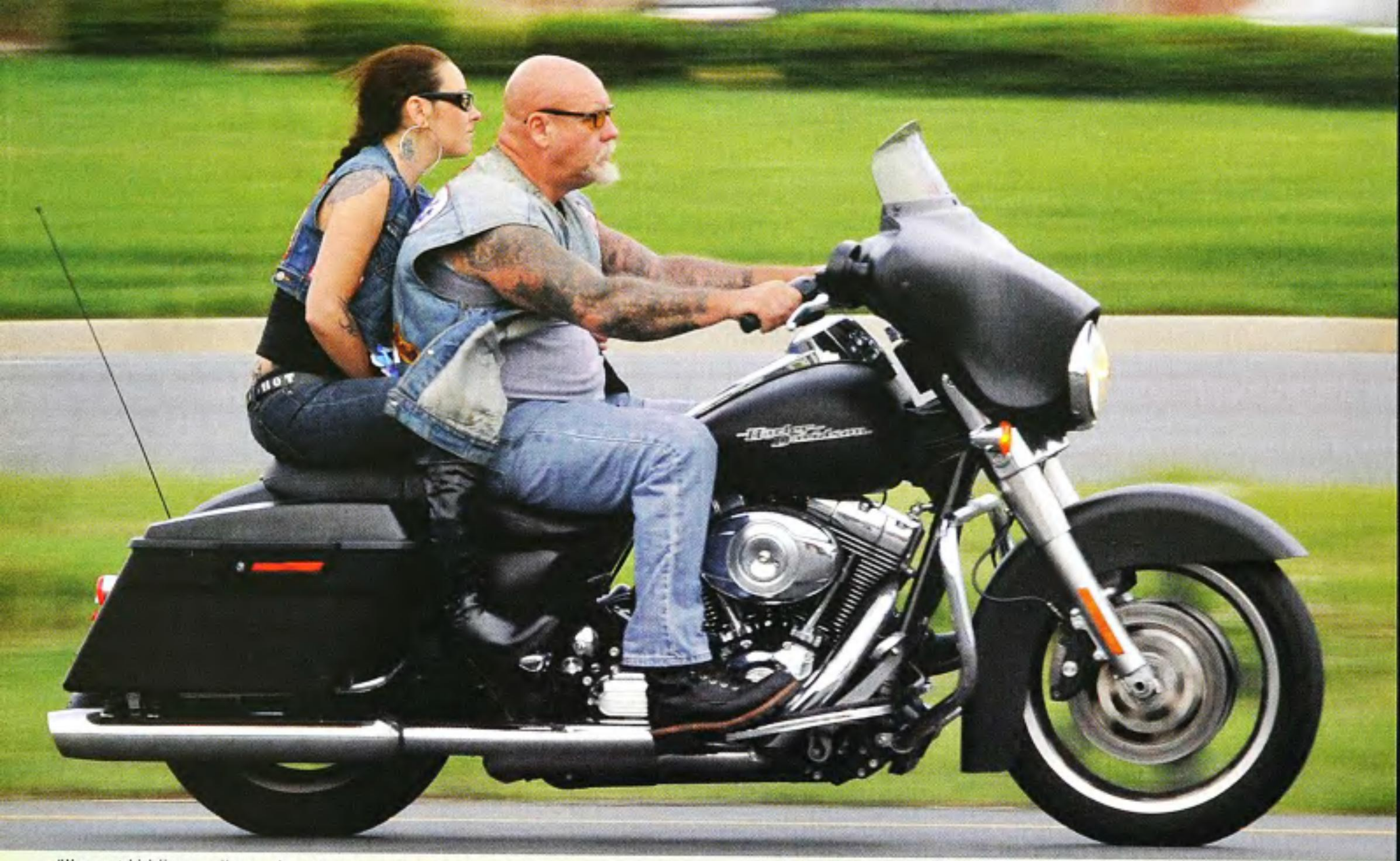


About 2,000 bikes roared through St. Petersburg, Florida, for the Jim Rosenkrans Memorial Toy Run. *—Ron Hawks, Safety Harbor, Fla.*

Extreme Flat Tire Repair 'n' Ride at Oklahoma Bike Week, Sparks, Okla. *—Dr. Lonnie W. Blum, Holden, Mo.*



"I'm not kidding, pull over I gotta pee—oops, never mind." —*Lou Camerota, Route 13 Ride, New Castle, Del.*

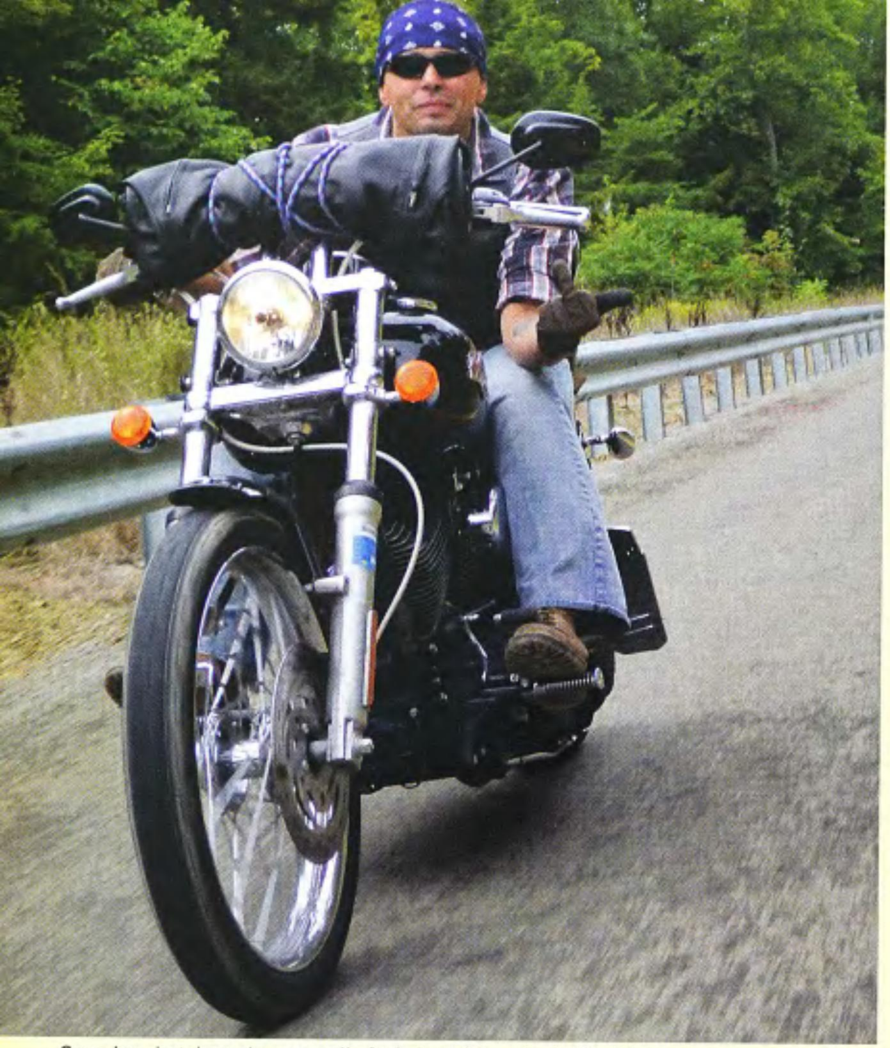
Hope that massage comes with a happy ending. —*Mark Sherman, Renegade Rendezvous, Dixon, Calif.*

Laundry day in Oklahoma. —*Dr. Lonnie W. Blum, Holden, Mo.*

Ike and Chris Renz, riding Allegheny Evil (Pa. Route 666), Allegheny National Park. *—Andy (Ike) Issacs, Johnson City, Tenn.*

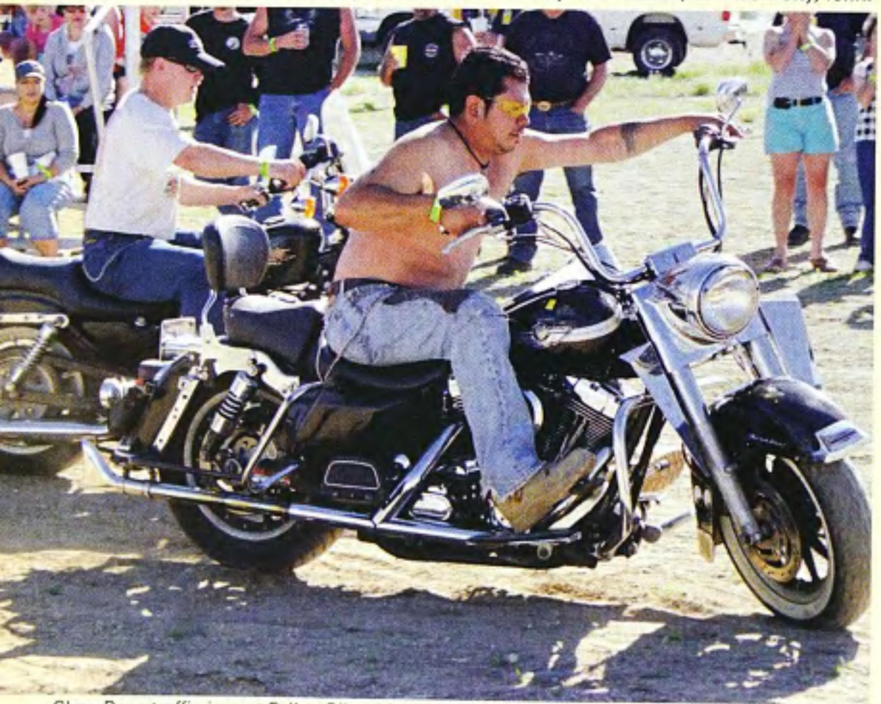
A pair of hounds at the Vintage MC meet. *—Paul Garson, SoCal*

If you lived in Jackass Flats you'd be home by now. *—Kreg Kohli, Greenville, Ohio*

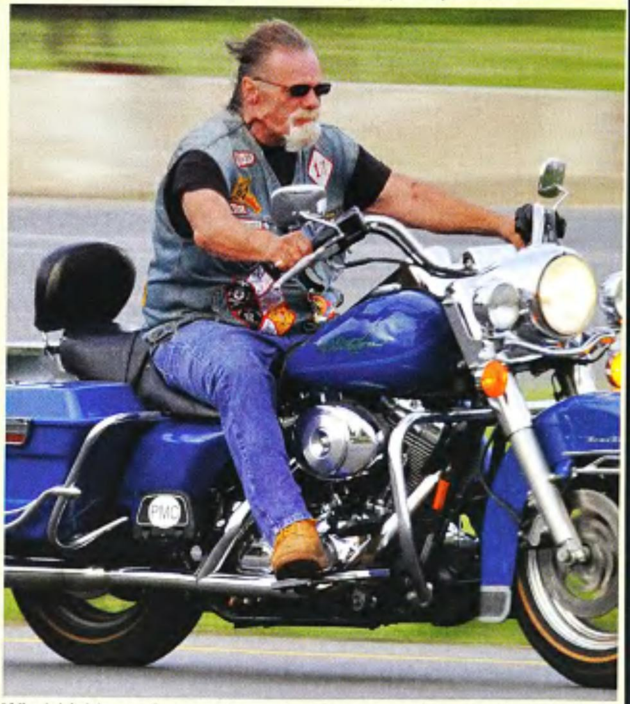


Sure, bro, but, how do you really feel about it? *—Andy "Ike" Issacs, Johnson City, Tenn.*

The curse of nipple fungus. *—Kelly Hayes, Sparks, Okla.*



Slow Race traffic jam at Fallen Biker Memorial Day Run *—Tim O'Connor, ABATE of Colo.*



Windshields are for pussies. *—Lou Camerota, New Castle, Del.*

Tech-tip, to measure correct handlebar height—always best to remove all clothing.
—Bob Allan, Hazen, Pa.

Each month the best pictures our readers send us are printed here. We prefer digital art, but can also use only good, in-focus, black-and-white or color prints. Whether it's the exhilaration of a dude and his chick flyin' down the road, an all-out biker bash, or a hot babe showin' her stuff, these photos typify the fun, excitement, and freedom of biking. We now pay $50 for each full-page color photo, $30 for half-page color photos, $20 for color photos printed smaller than half-page and $20 for every black-and-white picture printed. We accept digital photos at: photos@easyriders.net. Please include your mailing address with all digital submissions. Please label all photographs you send with your name and address. If you want your photos returned, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE). Mail them to: ***Easyriders*** In The Wind, P.O. Box 3000, Agoura Hills, CA 91376-3000.

15th Annual Catskill Mountain Thunder

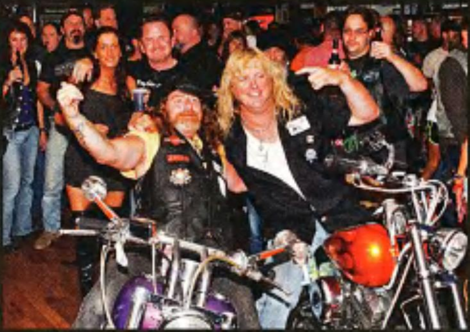
Each year as summer winds down and the temps start to show signs of an impending winter, The Blackthorne Resort opens the gate to its normally peaceful retreat to a steadily growing number of hell raisin' biker types for the Catskill Mountain Thunder Rally. While in its infancy, the rally's numbers were generally in the hundreds and quite intimate to say the least, this year's 15th annual estimated the attendance at around ten to thirteen thousand. Some may say that is still pretty intimate, but if you prefer riding the curves of a winding mountain road and a rally population that is large enough to enjoy a little fun without the benefit of a shoulder-to-shoulder crowd, congested traffic, or getting hassled by the PO-PO, this rally is just the right size.

The Blackthorne Resort is a family-run campground in upstate New York. Nestled in the spectacular Catskill Mountains, the resort offers RV sites, tent camping, and for those who prefer indoor plumbing, rustic, cabin-style rooms.

For the most part Catskill Mountain Thunder Rally is completely self-contained, and except to venture out to explore the spectacular mountain highways, there is no reason to seek entertainment elsewhere.

RV and tent campers start gathering to stake claim to the perfect spot a week before Thursday's official pre-party with live music, free food, and free beer. In attendance, along with event hosts, Roy and Dale Handel, are most of the featured pro builders, vendors, and many of the weekend's performing band members.

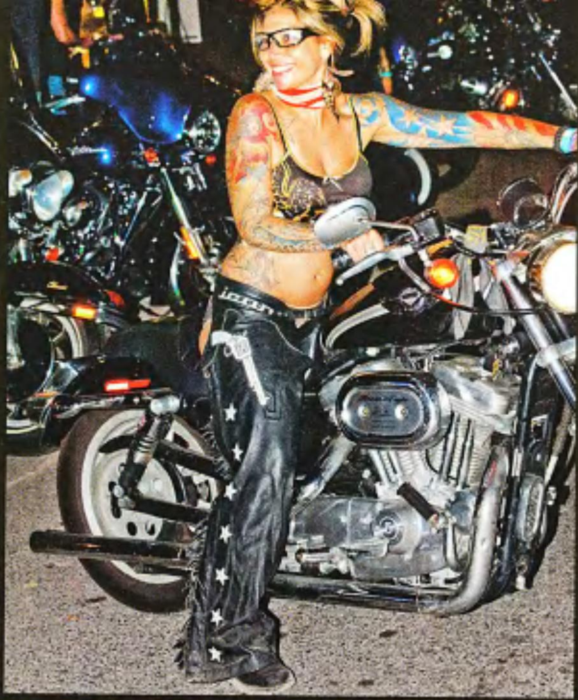
For those who didn't drink too much the night before, Friday morning started with a brisk but beautiful breakfast run through the scenic Catskill

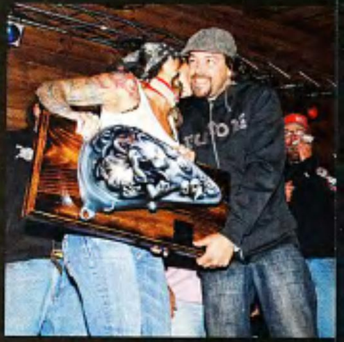


Mountains. Participating were several of the Northeast's most popular bike builders, including some regulars of Catskill Mountain Thunder Rally, the legendary Ron Finch, Scotty Porges, and Rich Pitniak, just to name a few. Returning to Blackthorne, riders were welcomed by numerous vendors, could listen to live music, watch stunt shows, visit an antique motorcycle museum, and have a chance to show off their riding skills in the biker games competition.

Although most of that hell raisin' starts after the sun goes down, Blackthorne also offers up plenty of activity for the daylight hours. There are vendors to visit, custom pro builders showing their latest custom builds, rodeo games, several organized runs, a bike show competition and biker build off contests.

Side-by-side builder talents were displayed via two onsite contests. One was a custom painter contest that challenged artists Scott MacKay, John Huff, and Rick Beauregard to complete one side of a gas tank with their best painting effort. Each artist had two days and could utilize as





much or as little of that time as they needed. Crowd votes determined the winner. Congrats to John. The other contest was the biker build-off that pitted four popular Northeast builders: Brian Bagley of Satan Cycles; Joe Roy of Joe Roy Customs; Rick Beauregard of Cyclone Cycles; and the boys from White Knuckle Kustoms in head-to-head competition. Each builder had to complete his build by the final Saturday evening and ride it from the fairgrounds, through the main bar, and finish a short run in the front of the main stage. Only bikes that made it to the stage, still running, were able to compete for the honor of biker build -off champ. Brian Bagley took top honors this year.

Four stages were filled with nonstop live music. Local favorite Shovelhead got the crowd cranked up for the headliners. The event organizers brought in plenty of Southern-style rock to this Northern mountain oasis. From Florida came the Outlaws and Lynard Skynard's double bass drummer, Artimus Pyle, and South Carolina's own The Marshall Tucker Band rocked it into the night and beyond.

After the sun dropped and the headliners finished their sets, the crowd got down to party with wet T-shirt contests, body painting, aerial burnouts, portable stripper poles in the night-club as well as many of the surrounding camp-sites and, at least to me, a new one: spaghetti wrestling! I can't actually call what I witnessed wrestling, but it certainly smelled a damn site better than the sun baked cabbage many of us are familiar with.

If you are seeking a laid back, no hassles rally where you can still find a little no-harm rowdy fun or just sit around a quite campfire and down a few cold ones with your buds, or even just log some hours of simply awesome riding, then head up to the Catskill Mountains and introduce your-self to the Handel boys. Maybe invite them to your campfire for one of those beers. But don't be surprised when they show up to make sure you are having a good time at their rally. It's just that kind of place.

For rally dates and more info, visit www.catskillmountainthunder.com.

—Don Rogers

Photos: Don Rogers

Passin'Gas

A young guy from Minnesota moves to Florida and goes to a big everything-under-one-roof department store looking for a job.

The manager asks him, "Do you have any sales experience?"

The kid says, "Yeah, I was a salesman back in Minnesota."

The boss liked the kid and gave him the job. "You start tomorrow. I'll come down after we close and see how you did."

The kids's first day on the job was rough, but he got through it.

After the store was locked up, the boss came down. "How many customers bought something from you today?"

The kid says, "One."

The boss says, "Just one? Our sales people average 20 to 30 customers a day. How much was the sale for?"

The kid says, "$101,237.65."

The boss says, "$101,237.65? What the heck did you sell?"

The kid says, "First, I sold him a small fish hook, then I sold him a medium fish hook, then I sold him a larger fish hook, then I sold him a new fishing rod, then I asked him where he was going fishing, and he said down the coast, so I told him he was going to need a boat, so we went down to the boat department, and I sold him a twin engine Chris Craft. Then he said he didn't think his Honda Civic would pull it, so I took him down to the automotive department and sold him that 4x4 Expedition."

The boss said, "A guy came in here to buy a fish hook and you sold him a boat and a truck?"

The kid said, "No, the guy came in here to buy tampons for his wife, and I said, 'Dude, your weekend's shot, you should go fishing.'"

Eddie Minnick
Bedford, Virginia

This smartass chick looked at my beer belly last night and sarcastically said, "Is that Corona or Bud?"

I said, "There's a tap underneath, taste it."

I was telling a woman in the bar about my ability to guess what day a woman was born just by feeling their tits.

"Really," she said. "Go on then…try."

After about 30 seconds of fondling she began to lose patience. "Come on, what day was I born?"

I said, "Yesterday."

Rogue
Melbourne, Florida

A father went to the hospital as his wife was having a baby.

Upon arriving he sits down, and the nurse says, "Congratulations, your wife has had quints: five big baby boys."

The Redneck boastfully says, "I'm not surprised. I have a penis the size of a chimney."

The nurse replies, "You might want to consider getting your chimney cleaned; the babies are black."

The Wooz

"He says he needs a urine sample, a stool sample and a sperm count—why don't you just leave him your underpants?"

A blonde hurried into the emergency room late one night with the tip of her index finger shot off. "How did this happen?" the emergency room doctor asked her.

"Well, I was trying to commit suicide," the blonde replied.

"What?" sputtered the doctor. "You tried to commit suicide by shooting off your finger?"

"No, silly," the blonde said. "First I put the gun to my chest and then I thought 'I just paid $6, 000 for these implants, I'm not shooting myself in the chest."

"So, then?" asked the doctor.

"Then I put the gun in my mouth and I thought, 'I just paid $3,000 to get my teeth straightened, I'm not shooting myself in the mouth."

"So then?"

"Then I put the gun to my ear and I thought, 'This is going to make a loud noise, so I put my finger in my other ear before I pulled the trigger.'"

Cuzin Ina
Iowa

Mrs. Sprockethead goes to the funeral parlor to view her ol' man a few hours before the service. She says to the mortician, "Sprockethead looks very good. He looks at peace with the world. But I had so hoped he would have been buried in a blue suit, not a gray suit."

The mortician says, "No problem, lady."

He opens a door and yells, "Hey, Frankie! Change heads on number 6 and number 11!"

Fred Race
Strongsville, Ohio

What's the difference between tampons and cell phones?

Cell phones are for assholes.

Mary Martinez
Stockton, California.

Big Nick won the we-were-so-poor joke competition with, "My family was so poor I had to jack off the dog to feed the cat."

John Bodello
Parker, Arizona

Since the beginning of time women have been saying that giving birth is more painful than a guy getting kicked in the testicles. Here is proof that they are wrong: A year or so after giving birth, a woman will often say, "It would be nice to have another kid."

But you'll never hear a man say, "I could go for another kick in the nuts.'

David Vida
Pontiac, Illinois

What's a good sign on a guy's first date?

When you ask her if she'd care to dance, she climbs up on the table.

A. Polubinskas
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

THE BIKE SHOWS ARE HERE

Since this issue of *Easyriders* kicks off our coverage of the 2013 Bike Show Tour (page 26), we thought you'd like to see a classic David Mann painting that captures a humorous moment at one of our Easyriders Bike Shows.

Originally published in the December 1981 issue, *The Bike Show* portrays a proud chopper owner passing a beer to a sexy trophy girl while his ol' lady works her ass off, polishing his scooter for the Easyriders show. This painting tells you a lot about David Mann, who had a killer sense of humor. —*Dave Nichols*

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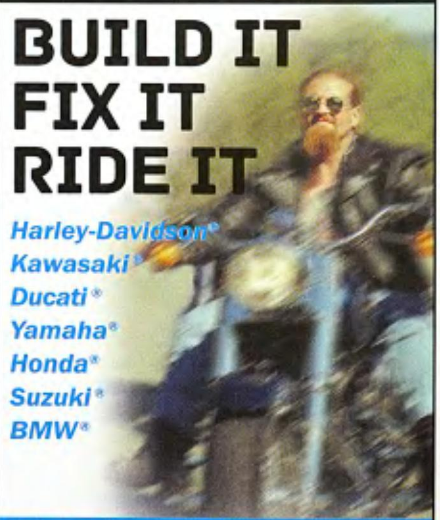

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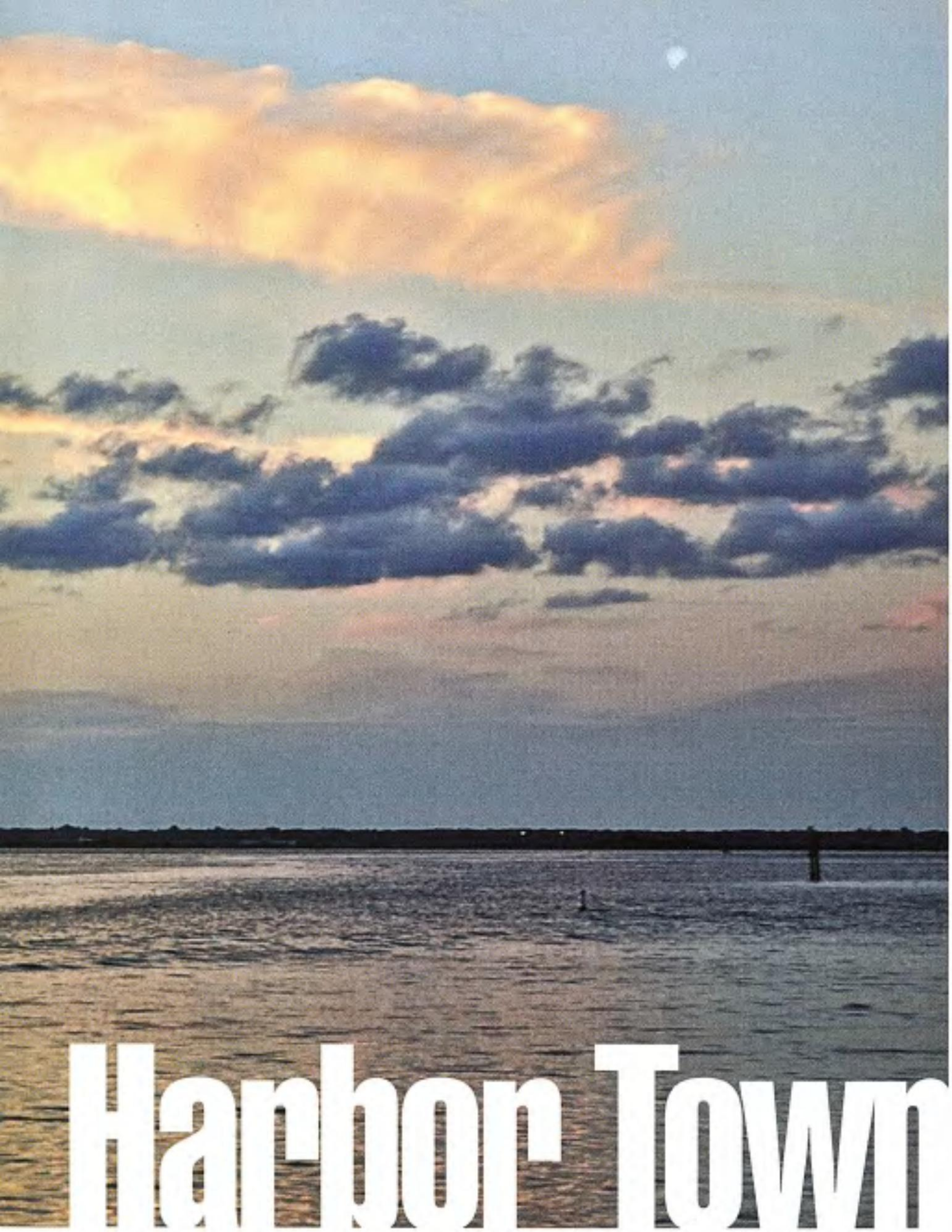
The brittle-edged leaves are gathering along the curbs and doing their winter warning dance in the streets as I sit back, relax, and take in the sights and sounds of the little harbor town where I've ridden with good people for most of my life. I'm a lucky man to have stumbled into this town as a young wise guy, only to meet the greatest bunch of hog riders this side of Brooklyn.

Also in the mix is a great ol' lady. A townie herself, she grew up here on the North Shore of Long Island and knows all the ins and outs and every back road from here to Montauk. She is hard at work while I sit curbside, here at the Clam Shack, eating fried clams and working on my second huge schooner of beer. Most wives would be bitchin' for a man to get a job to "supplement" his retirement. They would want big SUVs and the latest of everything, and new clothes every season, but my ol' lady just wants me to enjoy the ride. So, I do.

A few days a week, I hop on my old shovelhead and ride the few miles down to the harbor and sit right here and watch the world go by. I've been coming to the Clam Shack for 30 years and nothing has really changed about it. My bike sits just a few feet away in the crushed clam shell parking lot as I sit at my regular table, outside under the sun (and sometimes the stars), and enjoy my beer.

I hear the ferry horn give a few blasts and know that soon the ferry will be in and a smattering of tourists will pile off and wander around this great little town. With winter closing in, there isn't much for them to do but shop, have lunch, and turn around and head back home come evening. The motels are pretty much all shuttered up and the beaches are closed to everyone but the locals. This is the best time of year to be downtown. The snows haven't come yet, all the trees are as orange and red as a Long Island Sound sunset, and the summer tourists are all gone. Even the cops ease up on the parking restrictions and ball-busting.

A chill wind blows in from the Sound and I zip my leathers up to my chin and take another gulp of beer. I look over at my shovel and do a quick calculation as to what it'll cost me to turn down her lowers and send them out for chrome this winter. Soon enough, I'll be pushing her up a cobbled-together sixteen foot ramp and into the



Harbor Town

living room of my apartment. I'll hide the ramp from the Super and wiggle the bike down the short hallway into the bedroom where she'll spend most of the winter up on milk crates while I go over her and make changes and improvements. The winter freshen up is a biker tradition that goes back over a hundred years. When the snow is two feet deep and the roads are glazed over, I'll have a bedroom full of partying brothers helpin' me out with a wrench and a story.

The upstairs neighbors never complain. I suppose they think back to the summer months when 30 or more bikes were parked along the curb in front of the complex, with rough-looking men and women milling about between them. Perhaps tthey feel that discretion is the better part of valor or some such thing. Besides, at Christmas time they always get a gift basket of holiday snacks and booze, and that helps keep things all nice and friendly.

A few years back, Rose from two doors down was having some trouble with a dude who liked to treat her like a punching bag. Long story short, we got wind of her "situation." The beatings stopped and her rude boyfriend "moved away." Yeah, we may seem to be a bunch of hoodlums, but we know how to be neighborly.

I toss my last few clams to some gulls, who are waiting for the handout, and finish up my schooner of beer. The sun is sinking lower and the sky is turning pink. That leaves me just enough time for another beer.

The tide is in and I can always tell by the smell of the breezes that are blowing those dry leaves about. No creosote and rotting shellfish in the air this day, just salt spray and fresh air. High tide always makes for a steep ferry ramp and an interesting show. Just before the Ferry docks, its whole bow begins to open up like a shark's ugly maw. In a few minutes the huge old boat begins to puke up a few dozen cars and some slipping pedestrians. I have a front row seat for the show, not fifty yards from the docks, right here in my rusted metal chair. I sip my beer and sink further into my leathers as cars slip down the ramp and then screech a bit when they hit the ferry lot.

Deep in the bowels of the boat, I hear some Harleys firing up. They're either late season tourists, or some of my riding buddies coming home from a New England leaf trek. I hear what can only be Big Doug's panhead pop and roar as he kicks her to life, and I wait for the seasoned bikers to negotiate the slippery, wet steel ramp.

A cop and a coast guardsman move to the end of the ramp as soon as they hear the bikes. At the top of the ramp I see three, tiny headlights, vibrating and swaying. Here come the boys. Last on and last off; ferry rules for motorcycles. After the last car leaves the ramp, Doug, Jimmy and Freddy the Wrench, come down in first gear, expertly side-sliding at times. They reach the pavement and the cop and Coasty wave them past. They spot me at the Shack and rumble on over for a beer.

I buy them a round and we shoot the shit for a bit, then decide to head up to my place along the Harbor road. No sense riding up Main Street when I'm three beers in. It may be the slow season, but there still might be a few cops around waiting to spoil our fun.

A few hours later, my ol' lady walks into our apartment only to find four burly bikers talkin' bikes while the Smurfs play around on the TV. She just rolls her eyes and smiles, then heads into the bedroom to change. She'll have a good dinner on in a bit and she'll make enough for everyone.

In a few more weeks the snow will have come, and the guys; these brothers from other mothers, will be helping me wrestle my bike up that long ramp and into the bedroom, where there are permanent indentations in the rug from Avons and milk crates. We'll swill beer, work on the bike, and I, in turn, will help them work on theirs in other living rooms, and in garages and woodsheds.

There will be parties of course, with good food, great music and lots of laughs. That's what happens when the snow falls and the wood smoke hangs heavy in this old town. Brothers helping brothers through another freezing cold winter, with the bikes never more than a few feet away. Yeah, I'm lucky to have found this old port town. Someday they'll spread my ashes in that crushed clamshell parking lot and that will be just fine by me. *—Z. Jakl*

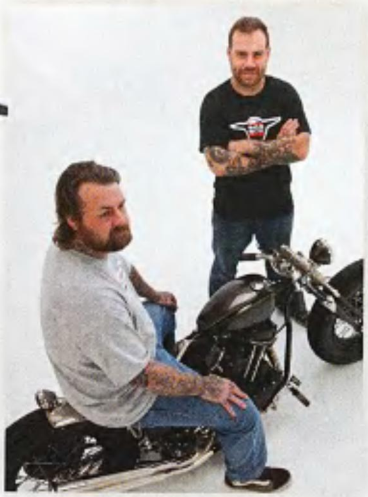
An eclectic mix of cast-off Harley parts and plenty of handcrafted custom, this swap meet special is another Gasbox one-off.

Swap Meet Special

Greg Stroemple is one lucky dude. One of his best friends is Jesse Bassett, the guy who owns and runs The Gasbox in North Olmsted, Ohio. This is a bike shop with a specialty of blending eclectic mixes of vintage, cast off Harley-Davidson machinery and hardware with plenty of handcrafted custom—and all of that was needed here.

When Greg showed up at his pal's door with a couple of crates loaded with old Harley parts, wondering if there was anything he and his buddy could make of them, the answer came right away. Of course! But it would take some doing. The frames—there were two—Greg had were just horrible. One was a stock Harley rigid of an undetermined vintage, but pretty messed up. The other was an old Paughco that wasn't in much better shape. "The first thing I did," Jesse says, "was take a hacksaw to both of them. I cut away all the badness." When he was through, there wasn't much left of either, but just enough to put the two together and make a single, new custom frame. Jesse incorporated one of his own goosenecks into this mix, keeping the Harley-Davidson dropouts out back and saving just enough of the stock Harley-Davidson neck to retain the serial numbers. "When I was done I had the whole thing nickel-plated and then masked it off and painted it, leaving just select sections of that plating showing," Jesse says. It was a prelude to the nickel accents that would eventually end up everywhere.

Greg had the bike's 1949 panhead engine in that crate of parts, as well as its 4-speed transmission that came as part of a basket case he



Greg Stroemple (seated) and Jesse Bassett.

found on one of the many trips he and Jesse routinely make to area swap meets. That engine and tranny, though, wasn't in any better shape than the pair of busted frames. "We ended up going completely through both of them," Jesse says. The swap meets coughed up plenty of other bits and pieces the guys used, too, and, a machine-shop wizard, Jesse made up the exhausts, also nickel-plated, using stock Harley AMF era mufflers. Jesse also made the handlebars and seat and whipped up the foot controls using Harley-Davidson pieces cut up and modified. The rear fender and that slick mount for the Ford Model T taillight is more of Jesse's work, as is the modified Wassell gas tank. About the only thing Jesse didn't work over in one way or another was the front end, a reproduction Harley springer. It has been

nickel-plated, though, masked and painted just like the frame.

We think Greg's sordid collection of cast off parts came together just fine. The bike has a kind of muscular, mean stance. Those big Avons on powdercoated Harley wheels (more from the swap meets) certainly add to that look. All this happened back in 2008, right around the time Jesse was first opening the doors at The Gasbox. The bike's been serving Greg ever since. But the guys are still making their swap meet rounds. Hey, who knows what's lurking around that next corner? *—Joe Kress*

All that shines isn't chrome. It's nickel and it's everywhere.

Owner: Greg Stroemple
City: Cleveland, Ohio

GENERAL
Designer: Jesse Bassett
Fabrication: Jesse Bassett, The Gasbox
Year/make: 2008 Custom
Model: panhead custom
Assembly: Jesse Bassett
Time: 6 months
Chroming: Chromatic

ENGINE
Year/make: 1949 Harley-Davidson ,
Rebuilder: Jesse Bassett
Displacement: 74 cubic inches
Ignition: Mallory
Cam: Sifton
Carb: Linkert
Air cleaner: Custom Cycle
Pipes: Jesse Bassett

TRANSMISSION
Year/make: 1949 Harley-Davidson
Shifting: 4-speed

PAINT
Painter: Jerry's House Of Kolor
Type/color: PPG/Fraction Brown, black

FRAME
Year/make: 2008 Gasbox
Type: custom rigid
Rake: 38 degrees
Stretch: 3 inches
Shocks: none

ACCESSORIES
Bars: Jesse Bassett
Handlebar controls: Harley-Davidson
Fenders: Jesse Bassett
Headlight: Mopar
Taillight: Jesse Bassett
Pegs: Harley-Davidson, modified
Foot controls: Harley-Davidson, modified
Gas tank: Wassell, modified
Oil tank: Harley-Davidson, modified
Seat: Portage TrimGrips: custom

FRONT END
Type: springer
Builder: Harley-Davidson, modified

WHEELS
Make: Harley-Davidson, powdercoated
Size: 16-inch
Tires: Avon
Brakes: Harley-Davidson, drum type
Photos: Michael Farabaugh
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BEST BIKER PARTIES

The riding season is now upon us, and with it a renewed thirst for hitting the road. It's time to see new places, explore new roads, and meet new friends. Tune up the scoot and head on out, it's a big, bad, beautiful country, and you can't see it from your couch. —*Kit Maira*

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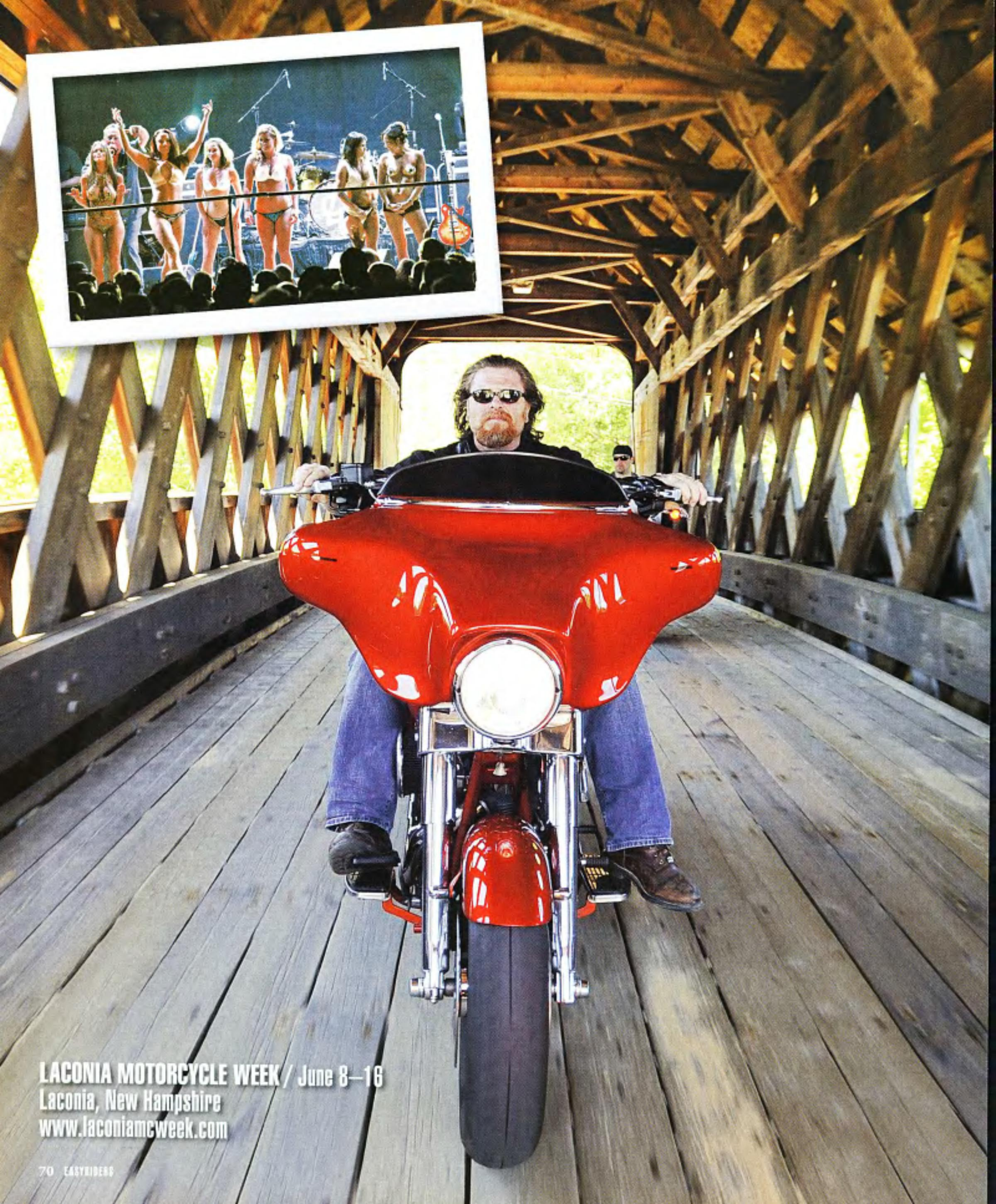

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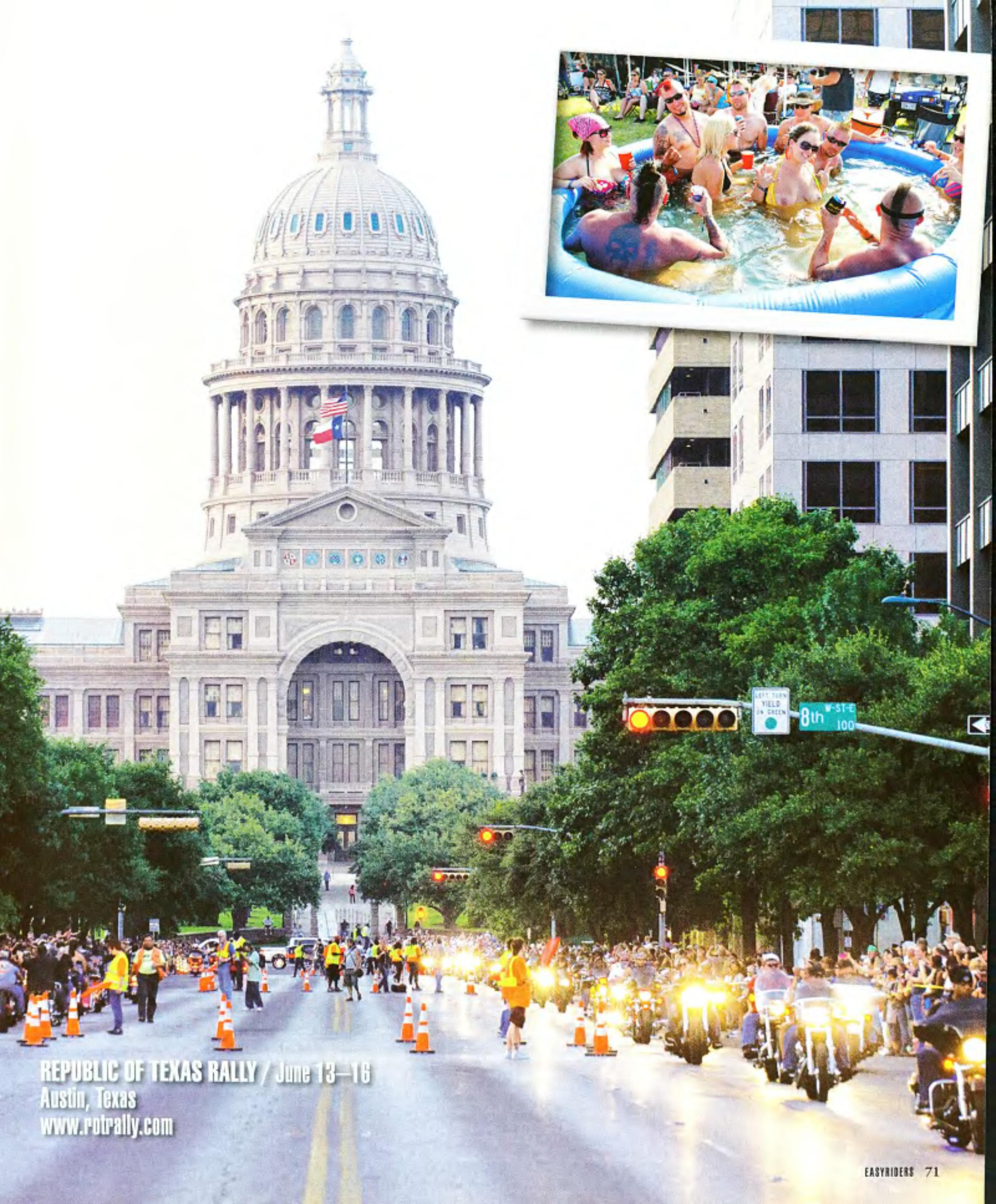

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REDUCING THE TENSION IN YOUR MOTOR'S CAMS
Feuling Camchest Upgrade Kit

Harley-Davidson has produced two generations of its Twin Cam motor: generation one, 1999 to 2006; and generation two, 2007-to-present. Most riders would distinguish between them based on the difference in displacement—the newer version having an increased displacement, 88 inches, verses 96 and 103 inches.

We indentify the more basic differences between them as the redesigned drive system for the camshafts and the higher volume oil pumps that are fitted in the newer motors. Gone are the two-spring controlled lever-type tensioners that kept the primary and secondary cam drive chains taut. In their place is a pair of hydraulic chain tensioners. The earlier automotive "silent type" cam chains have been replaced with lightweight single row roller chains. The new cams are now supported in a cam-mounting plate by two integral plain bearings and in the crankcase by larger diameter needle bearings. The new higher capacity oil pumps have 30% more volume. The changes in the cam chains and tensioners have made for a much more reliable motor.

With most first generation Twin Cam powered bikes getting on the north side of 30,000 miles, a lot of their owners are experiencing worn out cam chain tensioners. It seems that the best fix would be to install the second generation cam drive system, but because of the changes to the camshafts' inner bearings size, the older Twin Cam motors could not be retrofitted with the new style camshafts, their drive system parts or oil pumps. This was not a hindrance to the folks at Feuling Parts Company. They figured out that if the second-generation cams had their inner bearing journals manufactured to the size used in the earlier motors, then Feuling's high-performance cam mounting plates and its high-flow oil pumps could also be used to update the earlier motors. To that end, Feuling has developed several complete upgrade kits for the owners of first generation Twin Cam motorcycles.

Because not all first generation Twin Cam motors will be used in the same riding environment, Feuling developed a line of five high-performance hybrid camshafts for their hybrid cam drive systems. Their Reaper Conversion Camshafts are designed to fit the 2007-and-up camshaft mounting plate, but they have their inner bearing journals sized for the pre-2007 motors. These cams fit into Feuling's later type cam plate, which also allows the use of their larger displacement oil pumps and hydraulic cam chain tensioners. This is possible because when Harley redesigned the motor in 2007, it didn't change any of the mounting points or oil feed ports between the cam plate and right side crankcase casting.

To make the installation as painless as possible, Fueling has put together five complete cam drive conversion kits featuring cams from mild to wild. Each kit consists of a cam mounting plate, oil pump, camshafts, lifters and adjustable pushrods. The differences in the kits are the cams' performance levels, and the oil pumps' and cam plate's oil flow volume. Also needed to complete the conversion is Feuling's hydraulic tensioner kit (P/N 8080), which includes the primary chain cam drive system, secondary chain cam drive system and every screw, washer, gasket, seal and spacer needed to do the installation.

We got acquainted with their kits when we dug into a 2006 Twin Cam motor that had seen the high side of 25,000 miles on it. Our first sense that there may be a problem in the cam chest came one morning when it sounded like the starter motor was running after the V-twin was cranked to life. When we removed the cam cover, we found a shoeless cam chain tensioner grinding away on the primary drive chain. For the repair, we installed the Feuling's HP+ Camchest Kit, which included a set of their Reaper 525 conversion cams. This kit was chosen because it gives the stock bore 88-inch motor additional performance without taking away any of its low rpm torque. The 525 cams are a medium duration direct bolt-in cam set; the stock valve springs work great with them.

Installing the kit took almost a full day at CycleWorks Etc., mostly because we had to stop for pictures. One nice thing that comes with the new style cams is that you don't need any special tools or a hydraulic press to fit the cams into the cam plate. When the motor was finished, we found that the Reaper 525 cams gave the old bike a whole lot more bottom end and mid-range power.

—Wendell Christopher

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1 The Feuling billet cam mounting plate and high-flow oil pump. These parts also fit 2007-and-up Twin Cam motors. Along with these parts, you get a dozen plastic bags of parts. We would also recommend buying a 2007-or-newer Twin Cam factory service manual.

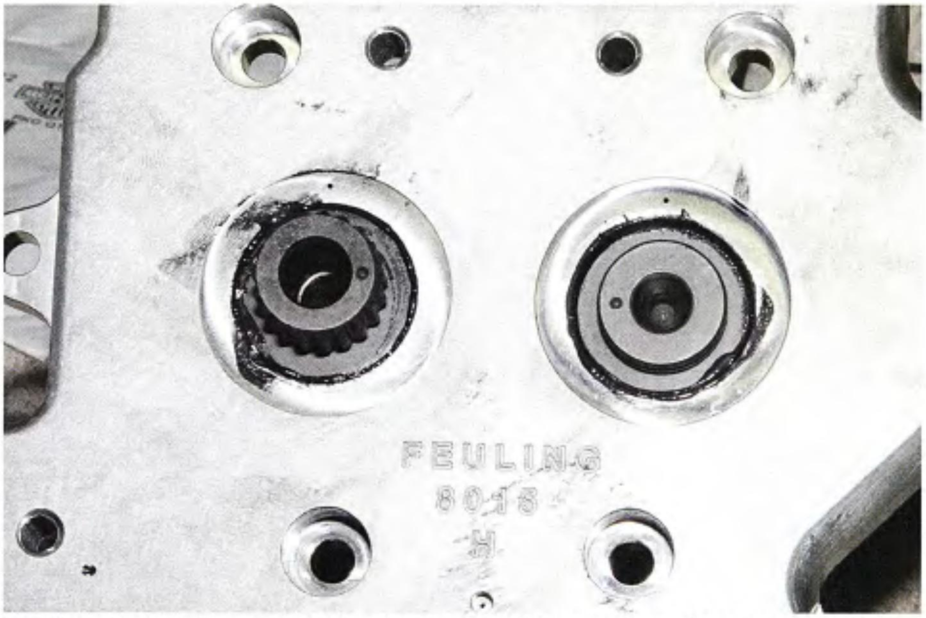
2 Feuling's conversion cams have the 2007-and-up outer bearing journals with 1999 - 2006 inner bearing journals.

3 A 2007 cam is on the left, notice it has a larger diameter inner bearing journal than the Feuling conversion cam on the right.

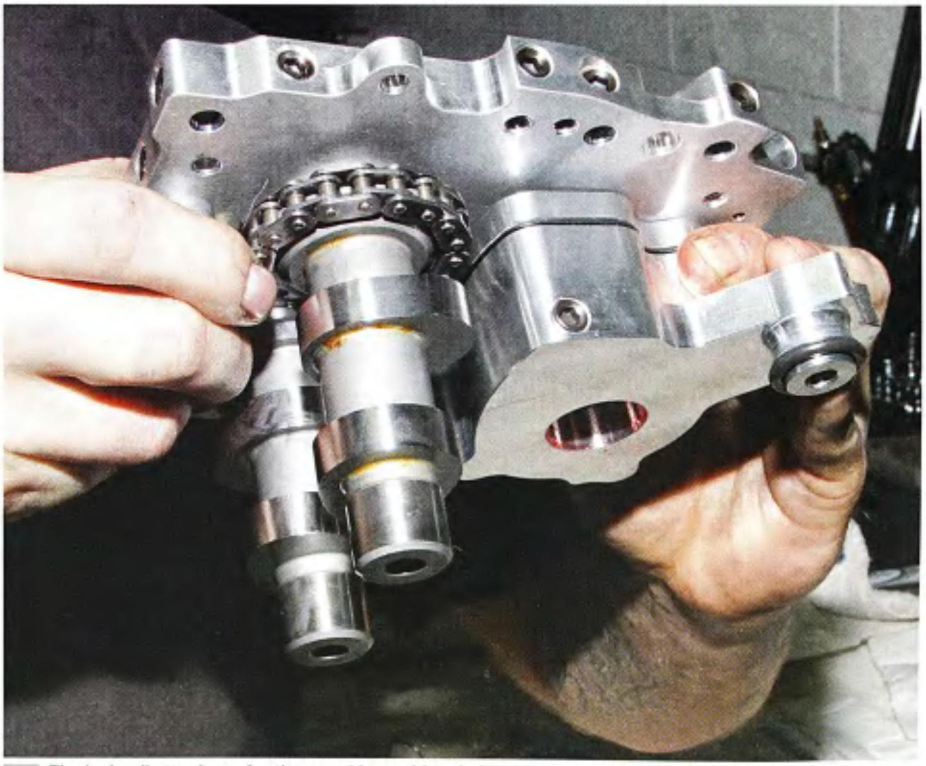
4 Our starting point is the primary cam chain drive of our 2006 FLHR. The cam mounting plate, cams, and oil pump have been removed.

5 The conversion cams and secondary drive chain; the timing marks on these inner sprockets must be aligned before the cams are inserted into the mounting plate.

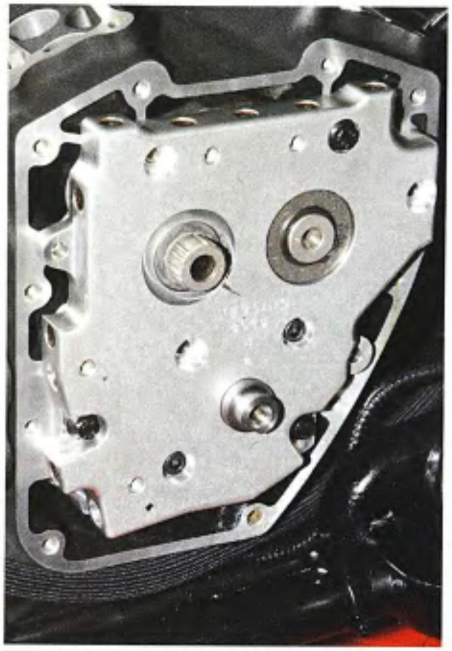
6 The Feuling cam plate has integral cam bearings. Installing the new cams is just a matter of lubing their journals and slipping them into the bearing bores in the cam plate.



7 There also are timing marks on the cams' outer ends so that you can be sure that they are still in time with each other after you have installed them.

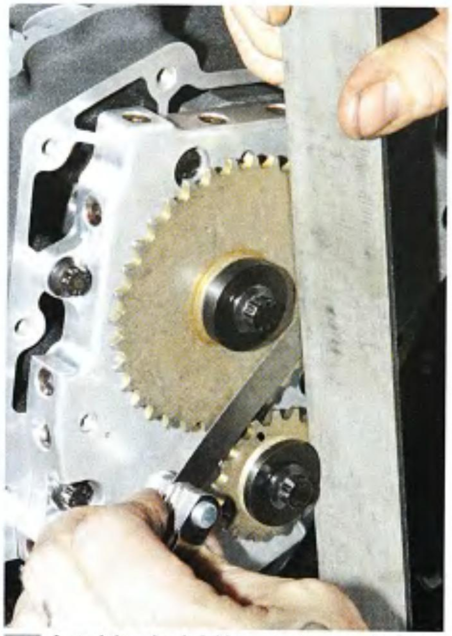


8 The hydraulic tensioner for the cams' inner drive chain and oil pump is bolted to the inside of the cam mounting plate.

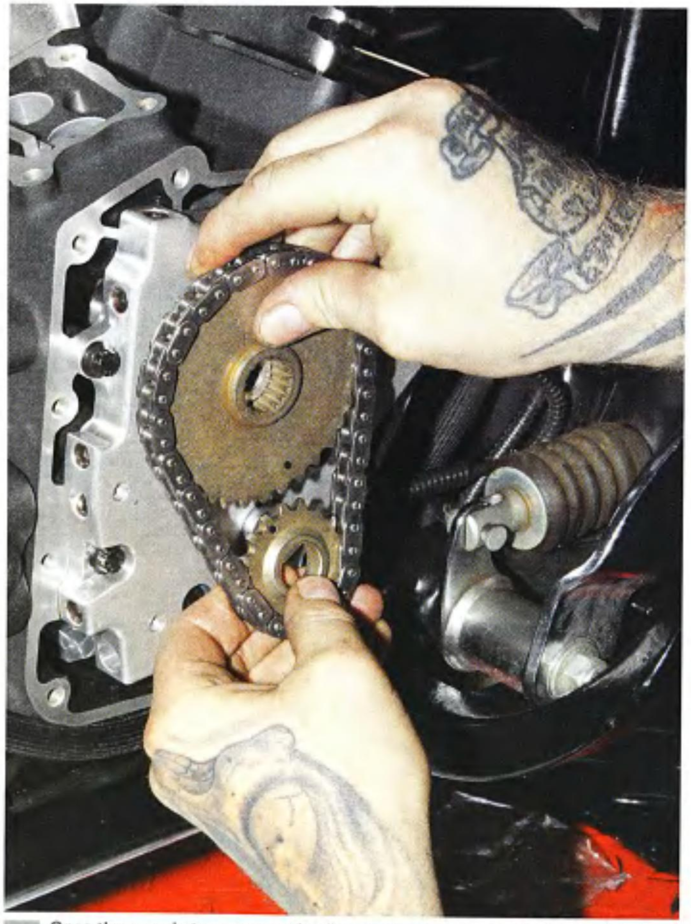


9 The Feuling cam plate bolts right into the early style crankcase. The kit includes all needed screws and snap-rings to do the install.

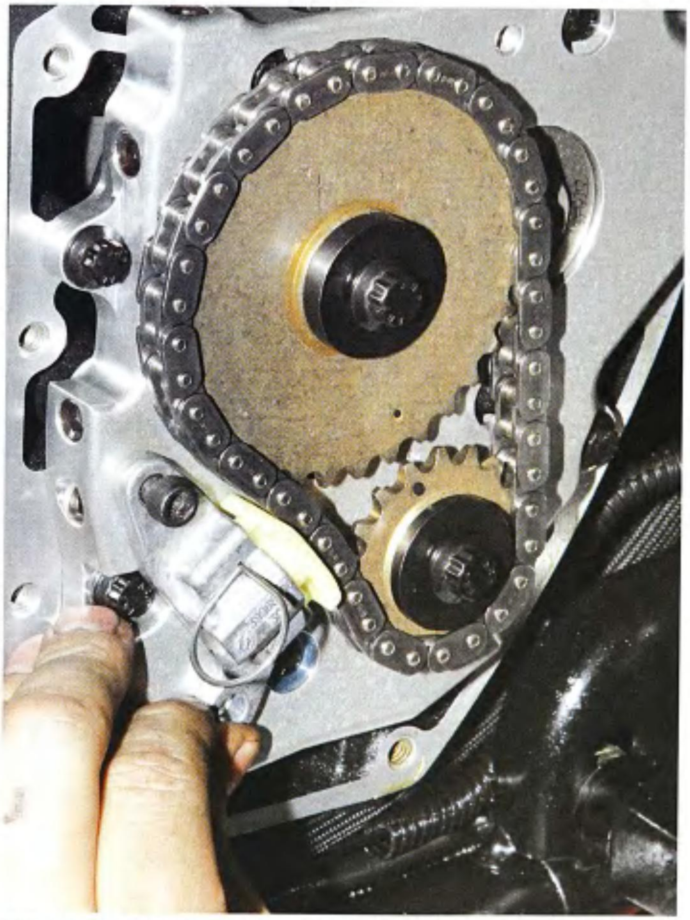
10 The two primary cam drive sprockets are fitted to the rear cam and the crankshaft and their timing marks lined up; both sprockets are then bolted in place, without the drive chain installed.



11 A straight edge is laid across the sprockets and the cam sprocket is checked for clearance. This clearance is adjusted with shim washers from the installation kit; it should be less than .015 of an inch.



12 Once the sprockets are correctly aligned, they are removed, the chain is fitted over them and they are bolted in place.



13 Installing the new style hydraulic chain tensioner completes the job. It uses a hydraulic piston pushing on a nylon shoe that rides against the chain.

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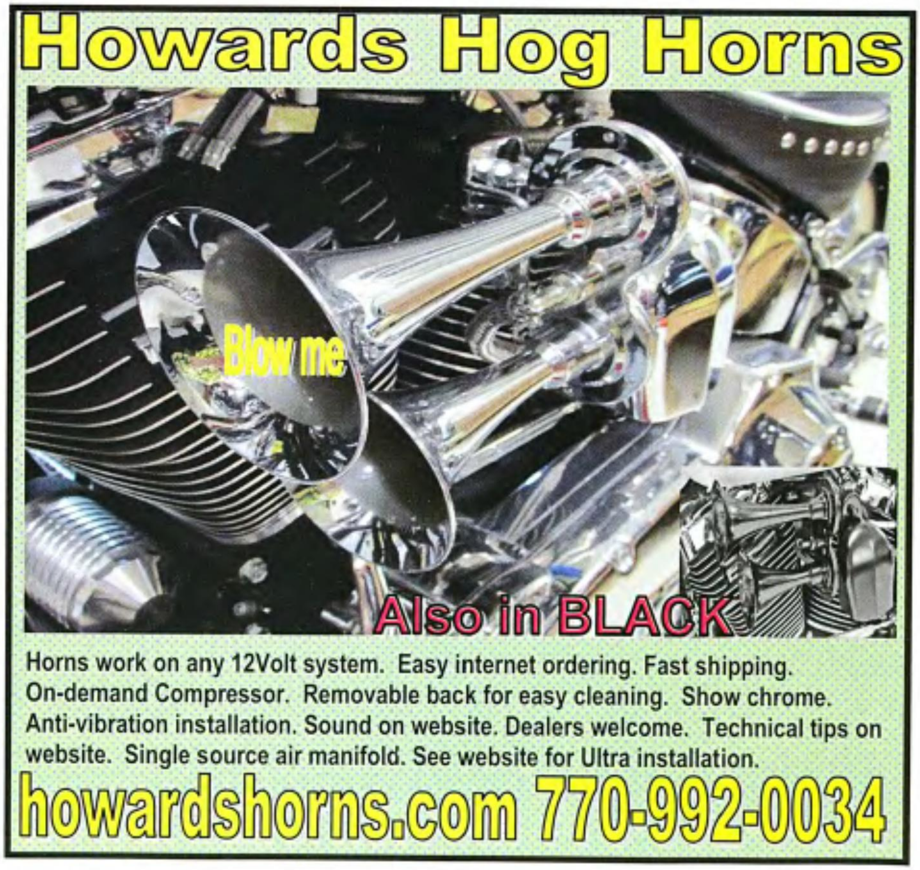
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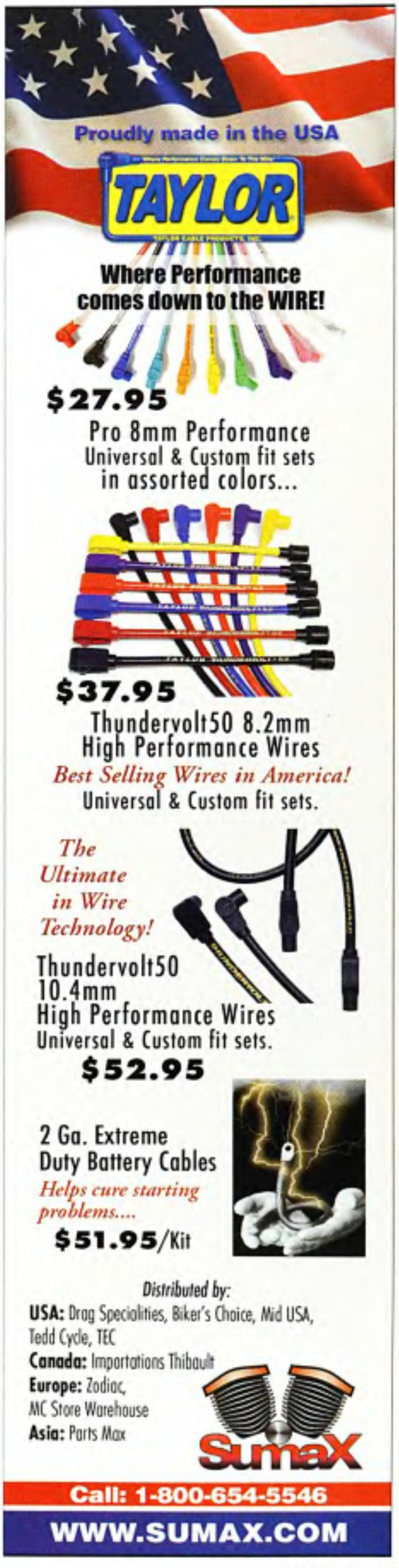
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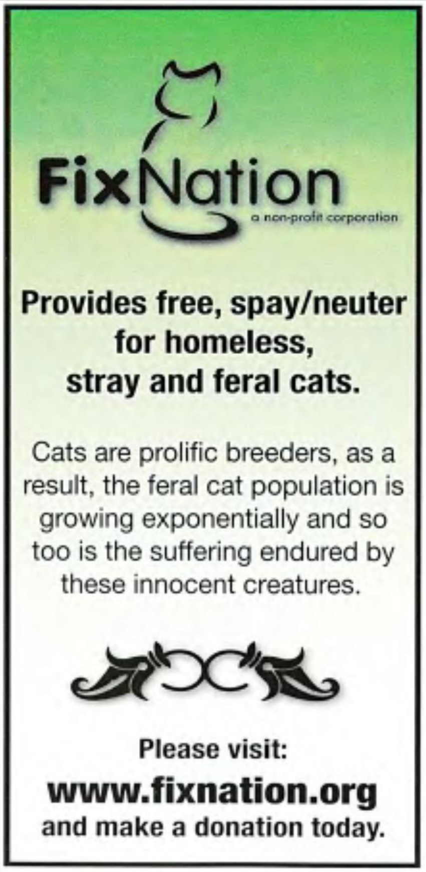

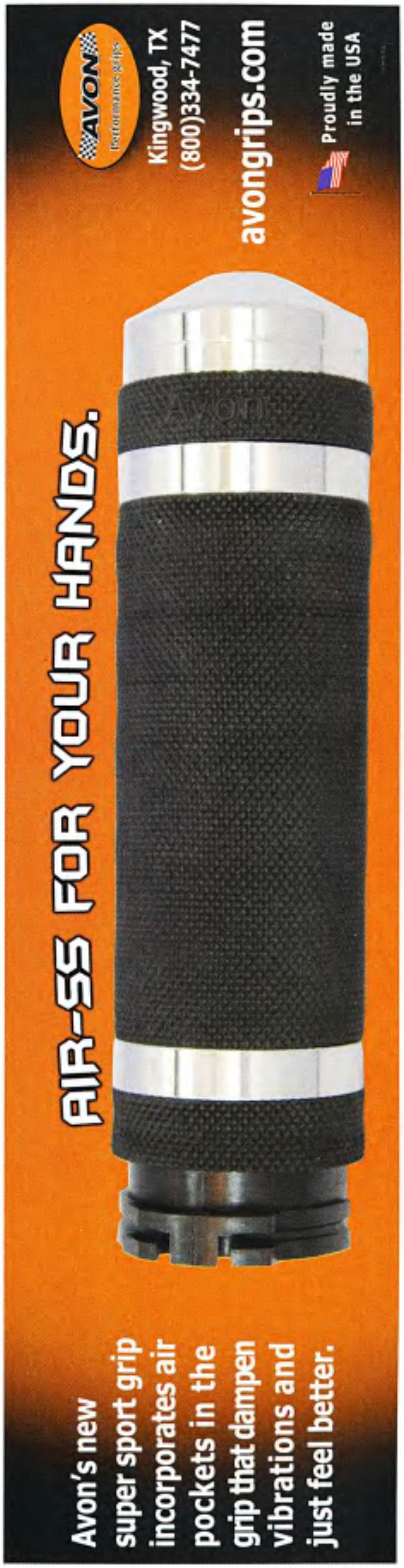

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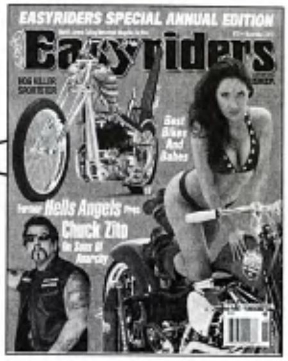

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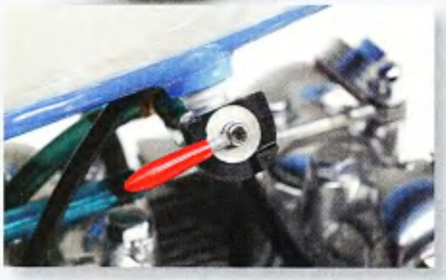

Jason and Wayne usually have to hunt high and low for the older Triumphs, but in this case they got lucky and found a complete donor bike: a 1973 Triumph 500c Daytona. The basket case included the frame, engine, and the trick Ceriani front end. It was apparently a bike that someone had tried to transform into a road racer, the bikes also once popular for flat track racing. Some major TLC was needed as in a ground-up project, but it was basically a good jumping off point.

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Assembly: Acme
Time: 2 months
Chroming: Aotco
ENGINE
Year/make: 1973 Triumph
Displacement: 500cc
Cam: Triumph
Ignition: Joe Hunt Magneto
Pistons: Triumph .30 over
Heads: rebuilt
Lifters: refaced
Carb(s): Amal 930
Air cleaner: Triumph
Pipes: Triumph
TRANSMISSION
Year/make: 1973 Triumph
Modifications: stock
Shifting: 4-speed foot
PAINT
Painter: Kandyman
Type/color: blue, white
FRAME
Year/make: 1973 Triumph, David Bird hardtail
Rake: stock
Stretch: 2 inches under
Shocks: none
ACCESSORIES
Bars: apes
Handlebar controls: Emgo
Fenders: Acme
Headlight: swap meet
Taillight: Panic Cycles
Speedo: none
Front pegs: Triumph
Electrics: Tympanium
Gas tank: Mustang
Oil tank: Acme custom
Oil system: Triumph
Seat: John Dunahue
Grips: white
FORKS
Type: Acme/Ceriani trees
Extension: modified to fit 39mm Sportster
Builder: Harley-Davidson, Acme
WHEELS
Size: 21-inch front, 16-inch rear
Wheels: V-Twin spool front, Harley-Davidson rear
Tires: Avon Speedmaster
Brakes: Triumph rear
Photos: Dino Petrocelli
Contact: Acme Choppers
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Meet This Month's Winner!

In this month's vision of crapulence, paste your ruby-red orbs upon Kitta, from the green, rolling fields of Northern California. Roll on over to page 100 and find the dear girl a-slitherin' and a-slathering all over Kirk Taylor's goddamned beautiful CDS rigid panhead. We love Kitta and you can too, provided you pass the credit check and fill out the standard health questionaire.

—Moosecock Montana

#0401 Samantha Jean–Arizona

"My first ride on a Harley got me so hot that I gave my driver a reach-around. Then we crashed!"

#0402 Kristi–Nevada

"My mom got her motorcycle license before my dad, and she was so proud. I was lucky enough to be her first side-kick at the age of five. Been on bikes ever since."

#0403 Margaret—New York

"My first Harley ride I was eight years old. When I was older, my dad used to pick me up from school and take me to work on what his friends called Dirty Harry's bike."

#0405 Jasmine—Arizona

"My first ride on a Harley was a learning experience. Let me put it this way: never grab a hot exhaust pipe for balance unless you're into pain and the smell of roasting flesh!"

#0404 McKenna—Missouri

"The first time I rode on a Harley was about 14 years ago when I was five. My neighbor rode Harleys and was always giving us rides around town. I love it!"

#0406 Silvia—Arizona

"The first time I rode a Harley was in the '70s My sister's boyfriend owned it, and I loved it! My husband, who always rode crotch rockets, finally bought a Big Dog chopper."

Win $1,000!

After 40 glorious years of sharing "biker girls next door" with our readers in the monthly Fox Hunt Contest, *Easyriders* is proud to announce that we are doubling up on the winnings! That's right ladies, win $1,000 by being selected as our Fox Hunt Winner of the month and get a photo spread in *Easyriders* magazine! You can also submit your application online by going to www.easyriders.com and clicking on Fox Hunt.

We're looking for the best-looking, real-life, bike-lovin' babes to show their stuff in our pages. If your entry is submitted by a photographer and selected as our monthly winner, the photographer gets $300 for sending in the photo; the Fox Hunt Winner gets $700 for modeling at our studio or choice of location. Girls, send in your own photo and keep the entire $1,000! We'll include round-trip airfare, a personal chaperone and accommodations at a deluxe hotel for the photo shoot.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older to be considered. The following documents are **required** of each Fox Hunt entrant who submits by mail:

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- The release form (on this page) signed and a photocopy of model's driver license.
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Ladies, in your own sweet, legible handwriting, please fill out the entry form and answer the question at the bottom of the page.

Readers, exercise your God-given right as a biker and reader of this rag and vote. Simply write the name and number of the lady you like best on a postcard—or on the back of a sealed envelope—and mail it to *Easyriders,* Fox Hunt, P.O. Box 3000, Agoura Hills, CA 91376-3000.

For this issue you may begin sending in your votes, either by mail or online at **www.easyriders.com** (then click on Fox Hunt). The voting deadline is one month after the on sale date of this issue. We'll announce the winner in a future issue of *Easyriders*.

Here's next month's Fox Hunt winner, Terri Lynn from Canton, Ohio, home of the President McKinley Memorial Mausoleum. Lovely Terri Lynn first gained fame as the reigning Miss Cheese Log 2010, but has gone on to represent many other fine cheese and meat products in a spectacular culinary/pageant career spanning months.

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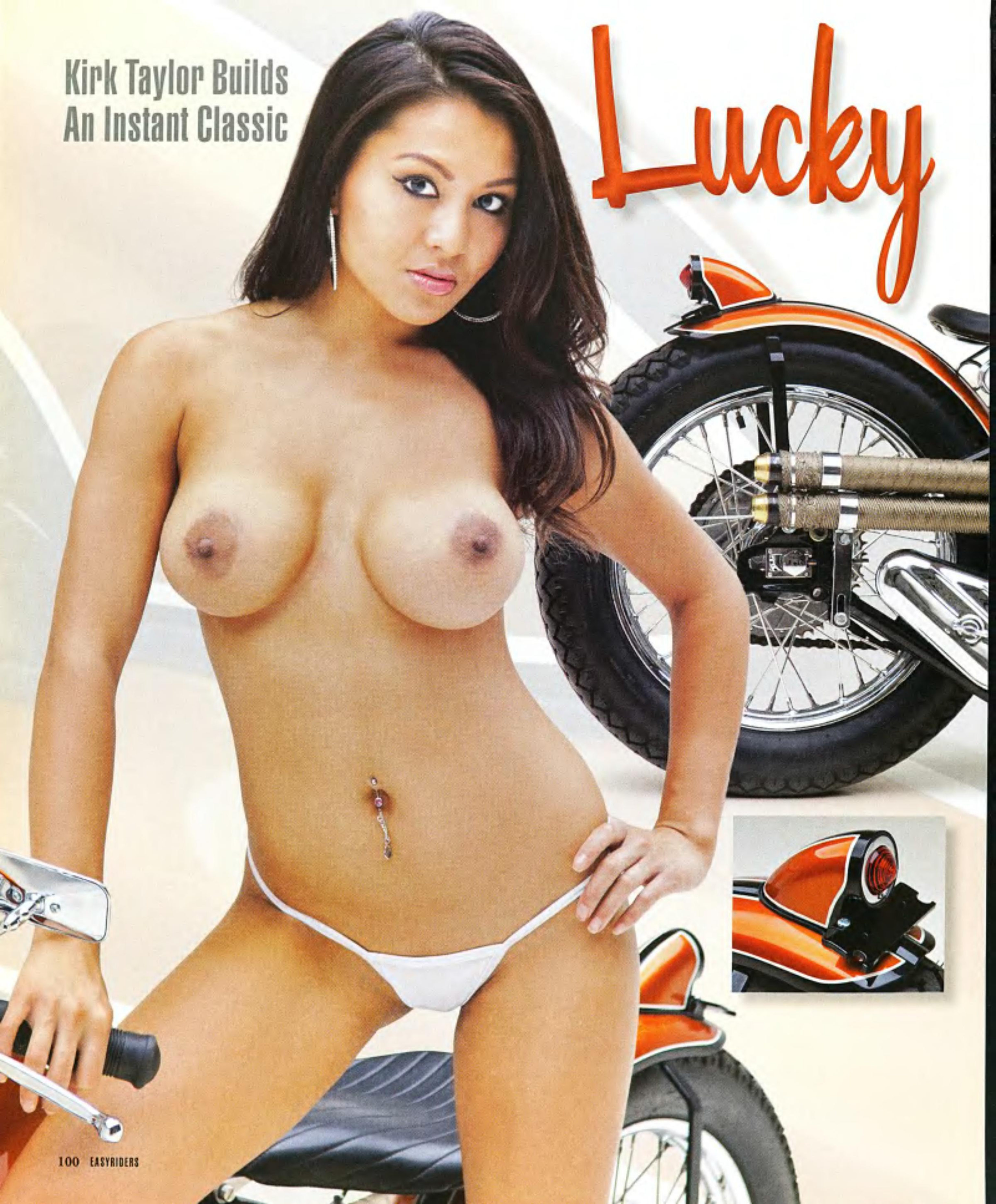

Kirk Taylor of Custom Design Studios in Novato, California, says, "We are lucky every day to do what we get to do for a living." Noah Williams is another lucky guy to have wrangled an unfinished motorcycle and commissioned Custom Design Studios to turn it into the road ragin' ride seen here. Noah's budget build had a central theme of clean and simple. When first discussing the project he said, "I think I want a spindly little gray primer rat bike." But Noah wisely left the details up to Kirk and he could not be happier with his one-off bobber.

Kirk and Danny of Custom Design Studios decided on the magnificent DuPont paint mix, weaving together the colors of H-D's racing team. The V-Twin Manufacturing replica frame is spot on. Other than the missing frame numbers in the castings, few can tell it isn't a 1957 straight-leg rigid. The broomstick handlebars look perfect on top of the VL front end. The hand-wrapped exhaust looks as good as it sounds, and that juice-can brake is just retro

righteous. Kirk had this horseshoe oil tank rat holed away in the back of the shop, and after grinding off the old tabs and welding on some new ones, it fit like a glove. The Rev-Tech Pandemonium motor gets spark from a Mallory ignition unit and helps to make the illusive two-kick start a reality. Custom Design Studios produces the Bug Catcher air cleaner screen just like you see here, available for your velocity stack. The Sparto taillight shines like a jewel atop that rear fender which is, say it with us, "ribbed for pleasure."

People gravitate towards Noah's bike and are usually heard to say, "That looks like something I would like to ride." We could say the same thing about our exotic and erotic Fox Hunt winner Kitta from Northern California, who likes to be ridden hard and put away wet. But, we won't.

—*Cheese*

I think I want a spindly little gray primer rat bike.

Owner: Noah Williams
City: Novato, California
Fabrication: Kirk Taylor, Custom Design Studios
Year/make: 2012 Custom Design Studios
Model: rigid pan
Time: 4 months
Chroming: Meclec
ENGINE
Year/make: 2007 RevTech Pandemonium
Displacement: 88 cubic inches
Ignition: Mallory
Cam: Andrews "B" grind
Carb: S&S Super "E"
Air Cleaner: Velocity stack, Custom Design Studios Bug catcher
Pipes: Custom Design Studios Wrapped
TRANSMISSION
Year/make: 2007 Baker 6-into-4
Paint: Kirk and Danny at Custom Design Studios
Type/color: DuPont/orange, black, and white
FRAME
Year/make: 2011 V-Twin Manufacturing
Type: rigid
Rake: stock
Stretch: none
Suspension: none
ACCESSORIES
Bars: broomstick
Handlebar controls: Harley-Davidson
Fender: ribbed
Headlight: Custom Design Studios
Taillight: Sparto
Pegs: Custom Design Studios
Foot controls: Custom Design Studios
Electrics: Custom Design Studios
Gas tank: Custom Design Studios
Oil tank: Harley-Davidson horseshoe
Oil System: Rev-Tech
Primary: Rivera Primo 3-inch Pro clutch
Seat: tuck and roll
Mirrors: Custom Design Studios
Grips: antique
FRONT END
Type: Harley-Davidson VL springer
Extension: stock
Rebuilder: V-Twin, Custom Design Studios
WHEELS
Builder: Custom Design Studios
Size: 21-inch front, 18-inch rear
Tires: Avon
Brakes: juice can drum
Photos: Mike Chase

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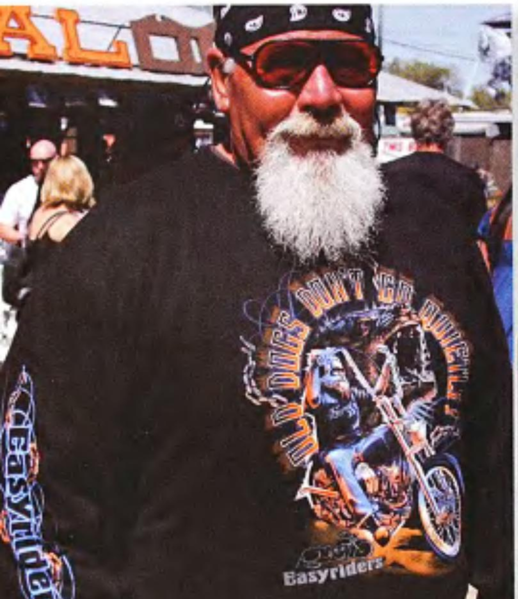

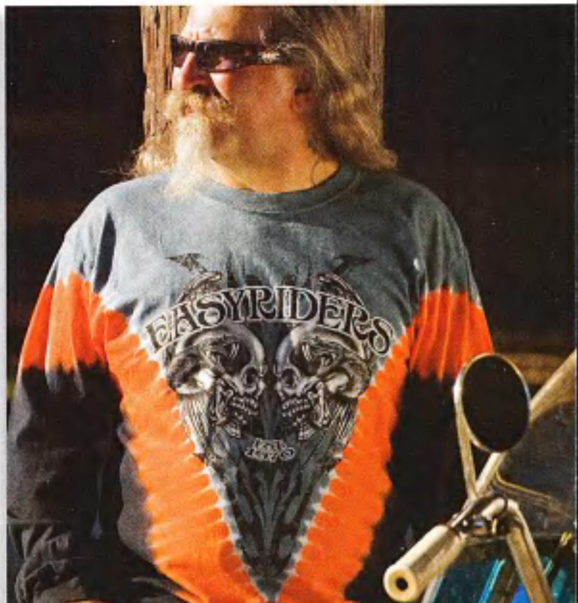

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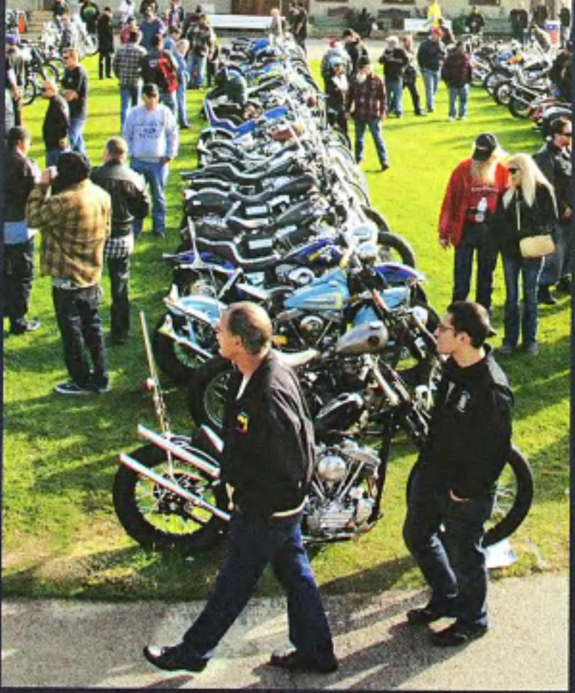
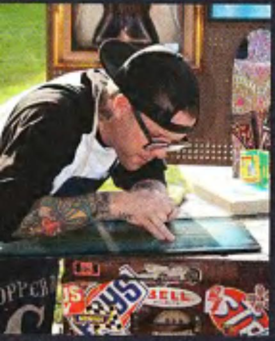
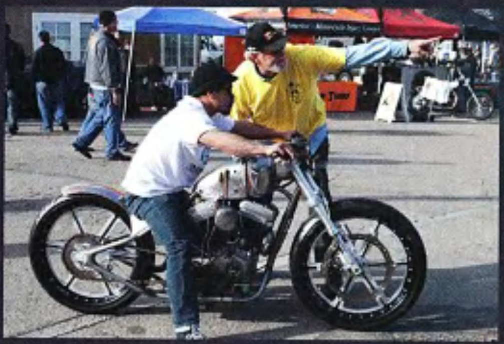






CHOPPER FEST

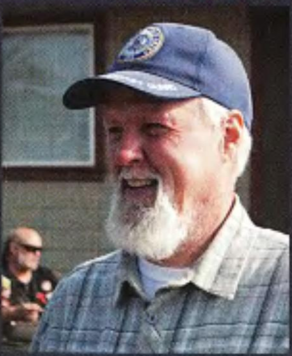
If you've never been to the David Mann Chopper Fest in Ventura, California, you've been missing out on what can only be described as one of the best recurring custom motorcycle events to have ever graced Southern California. Hyperbole? Exaggeration? Hardly.

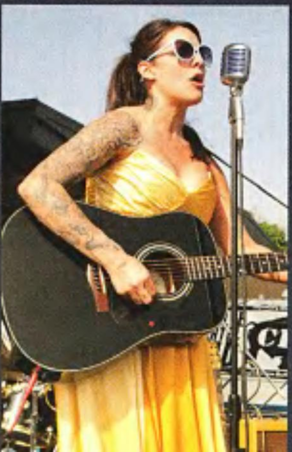
Take the ninth and latest version, for instance. Disguised as a tribute to the late biker artist David Mann, last December's Chopper Fest was host to some awesome custom bikes of all makes, models, and years, the likes of which you just don't normally see around here—or anywhere else, for that matter.

But there they were, greeting you as you entered the Ventura Fairgrounds: flatheads, knuckles and pans, shovels and Sportsters, Triumphs and Beezers, Hondas, and Yamahas, and even the occasional Royal Enfield or Husqvarna sat there on the lawn, glinting in the morning sun, and all of them customized, modified or otherwise made to stand out and vie for your attention. And those were only the ones that were entered in the bike show contest; there were plenty more standing around throughout the entire compound, the idea being that all of them strove to represent the kind of custom bike David Mann eternalized and popularized in his prolific paintings, seen in *Easyriders* magazine.

Past the bikes and the stage, where Charlie Brechtel and friends laid down the blues and rocked the crowd, an entire room dedicated to David Mann and his art enticed the unsuspecting visitor to step in and check out not only David's legacy as the Norman Rockwell of the biker lifestyle, but also paintings and sculptures by contemporaries such as David Uhl, Tom Fritz, "Crazy John" Gilbert, and others. In front of the big David Mann signature banner hanging on one of the walls Dave's widow, Jacquie Mann, signed posters and shook hands with Dave's many, many fans.

Back outside again, a huge and tightly packed alley of vendors offered all sorts of items for sale. A number of huge swap meet vendors dispersed throughout the venue also had some old and rare parts. Heck, you could even get your hair cut if you wanted to, and if you still had any. You could also check out Darla Devill and her fellow





Sugartown Rollergirls, a local roller derby team, skating around in the Anacapa Hall.

But the true stars of the show were the bikes, and all day long a fierce competition was raging among them for awards and recognition. You may not have noticed, but a bevy of select judges roamed around the area taking close looks at everything. Thirteen categories were available, among them Old Skool Skooter, Modern Bobber, Metric Chopper, and, of course, a Best of Show accompanied by the David Mann Memorial Award. The trophies, by the way, were once again custom-made by the inimitable Sonny Boy, and there was also a $2,000 cash prize for the Best Of Show bike, presented by Perri Ink Cartel and Nash Motorcycle Co. That plus the California Bobber trophy went to Santa Ana's Noise Cycles for its very cool shovelhead bobber with its unusual tank inlay.

Undoubtably the most sought after award was the David Mann Memorial Award which went to Micah McCloskey of Sherman Oaks for his stunning panhead; a reproduction of a David Mann original. For more information on the show and a complete winners list, go to www.chopperfestival.com —*Red Baron*

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Jimmy Bunn

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Comin' At Ya

Jimmy Bunn
Floresville, Texas
1993 Sportster

His name, he says, is Jimmy Bunn
And Jimmy knows how to have fun
That's why, some seven years ago,
He bought a Sportster, yes, this one.

"I bought it stock," he says with pride
and then points to the fairly wide
array of parts and 'cessories
with which he beautified his sporty ride.

Look at these Avon Cobra tires
They came as set, though the rear one's wider
At two-forty, than the front one is
But that's the style that Jim desired.

The springer front end's from DNA
The wheels are Ultima, the paint's okay
and even matches with the seat
A bit too orangy, but what the hey.

A Quick Bob tank holds all the gas
To keep the Jimster on his ass
For just as long as he can take it
riding through town, pass after pass

And when at night the sun goes down
He doesn't fret, he doesn't frown
'Cause the headlight's an FXST
it's not just bright, it's got renown.

And now the story has been told
Of Jimmy Bunn and his brave 'n bold
Texas Sporty, so let's move on
Before this tale gets too darn old.

—Tripper

Bob Mazzadra
Milford, Connecticut
2007 Custom Softail

The architect is, by design,
a man of quite expensive taste.
And Bob, as member of this guild,
knows it would be a waste
Of time and money if he used
components of much lesser
Quality, so when he chose to build a bike–
though not a dresser
But an awesome street bike–he spared
neither cash nor pains
To create his dream, albeit, it seems,
not for any monetary gains.

"I am," he says, "a first-time builder,"
as he lists, in less poetic
Fashion, the parts and pieces that he used,
some of them exotic
Even, like the Rolling Thunder frame,
all red with its 250 rear,
And cradling a powerful TP
one-twenty-one-inch engine here.
The hand controls are PM's Contour Series,
while the Switchblade
Foot controls are cut from billet stock
and also very nicely made.

The fenders (Fat Katz front, Milwaukee Iron rear),
the Daytec gas tank,
Eddie Barrette custom seat,
Weld's five-spoke Charger wheels, all rank
High in any connoisseur's esteem,
and when you tie them all together
With a tasty paint job from Nub Grafix,
as Bob did, it will forever
Hold its value. And if not, then Bob,
the architect and man of quite
Expensive taste might just design
and build another one. And do it right.

—Tripper

The May issue of *Easyriders* (#479) features the Girls of Summer., plus we'll bring you a plethora of pleasing putts, from Hiroyuki Hirata's show-winning FL, to Freddy Arnold's Hank Young FXS, as well as a wild new Arlen Ness digger, a sexy Eddie Trotta Road King and a whole lot more.

Drool over all the creative customs fresh from our Sacramento Bike Show, get another classic David Mann centerspread and check out our latest farout fashions in the spring/summer Roadware collection. All this plus pulse-pounding near-naked women, spleen-grabbin' humor and crazy biker parties from coast to coast is tearin' up the pavement in the May issue of *Easyriders.* *On sale April 9th*

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The next issue of *In The Wind* (No. 152) breaks in a new year, and serves as a review of fun shenanigans we pulled off last year like riding rough-shod through hell and high water to party in the Black Hills at the 72nd Sturgis Rally. Michael Lichter brought extra digital cards to get it all, and what has he ever missed? Putt over to Rip's BAD Ride 15 and see bikers doin' good things for society. Really. This rag is stocked chock full of fabulous phtos from you, the reader, so get it. Remember, if it's out there, it's in here! *On sale now!*

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